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HALF-PRICE STALLS TO BOOST MARKET

by Alex Ross

MARKET bosses in Dudley are offering new stallholders a 50 per cent discount on day rates in an attempt to get more people into business. The offer has been introduced by Dudley Council as part of Love Your Local Market fortnight, which runs until July 8.

The half price offer for new traders will last for the first eight weeks of trading. Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "Dudley Market is a fantastic place to have a go at starting your own business. It's in a great town centre location and shoppers who regularly visit the market do so because they know they get great value for money and service from our traders. I'd really encourage anyone who has a new business idea to take the opportunity to contact the market officer to find out more."

The move has been welcomed by one of the market's fruit and veg traders, David Flavell.

He said: "It's a great idea to get traders and shoppers back in the market place.

"In recent years we have seen numbers dwindle, so any promotion like this is welcomed. I'm sure any new trader will be welcomed."

The town's 74-stall outdoor market has been in existence since the 1200s. It could soon receive a £6 million revamp which would see a new layout and stalls.

Chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association Len Lenihan said signs had been put on the vacant stalls in a bid to attract the eye of potential traders.

Climate

"We need to do everything we can to bring new people into the market. It's a difficult economic climate which isn't helping but hopefully this will help to convince people to give it a go.

"We have got quite a few empty stalls so it would be good to get them filled if we could," he said.

He added he hoped "word of mouth" would also help to encourage people to take up the vacant stalls.

Earlier this month, traders met with council bosses to discuss the plans.

A meeting will next take place to sort out the final details before work can start.

Elsewhere in the region other market places are also offering discount rates for new traders.

In Penkridge, near Stafford, stalls at the town's market will be available to traders at the cheap rate of £10 per day during the fortnight.

An information point will also be set to help people starting up a business.

Boss who fleeced the dead is jailed

A BOSS at a probate company who used bogus invoices to fleece the estates of dead people – including cancer victim Harold Hodgkins, from Dudley – has been jailed for 14 months.

Jacqueline Hing, of West Bromwich, was working for ITC Legal Services when she claimed cash using information from the estates for a fake company.

The 46-year-old mother-of-three, of Bank Street, was sentenced along with her son Jordan Brown, aged 21, of Parkside, Woodgate, Birmingham, and Spencer Weaver, 26, of Bank Street, West Bromwich.

The court heard, ITC received an invoice for £4,029 from a company called Hannows Development for work at Harold Hodgkins's home in Upper Gornal before he died of cancer in 2010, aged 66.

ITC became suspicious and discovered Hannows Development did not exist.

Checks showed Hing had accessed the computer files for his estate.

Hing pleaded guilty at Warwick Crown Court to conspiracy to defraud. She was "desperately ashamed" of her actions, said Mr Anthony Dunkels, defending. Brown and Weaver were both given suspended sentences.

Tory gains council seat

THE Conservatives have kept control of a seat on Dudley Council which was left vacant after the death of a popular councillor.

Voters went to the polls in a by-election and Tory candidate Colin Elcock was elected as councillor for Norton in Stourbridge.

The seat had previously been held by Tory councillor Angus Adams, who died in April aged 67. Councillor Adams was Dudley's regeneration chief and chairman of Centro.

Thieves steal church bell from 35ft up

METAL thieves have stolen a historic bell that had rung out at a Dudley church for more than 100 years and was due to be used to mark its anniversary.

Thieves lowered the bell from the 35ft high frame on the wall of St Mary the Virgin Church in Hurst Hill, near Sedgley.

The theft was discovered by churchwardens as they prepared for a special event to mark the church's 140th anniversary on Sunday. Church leaders fear the thieves will sell the bell for scrap.

Long-serving Sedgley councillor David Caunt said he was shocked by the theft.

"Churches used to be sacrosanct but not anymore it seems," he said.

The cost of replacing the bell, expected to be around £1,000, will be covered by insurance but the church will have to pay an excess of £500.

It was made from gunmetal, an alloy of copper, tin and zinc. The thieves dropped the bell on to the church roof, creating a hole in the newly-painted ceiling underneath. The bell, made in 1932 and weighing about 330lbs, was originally used on an ocean buoy.

It was given to the church in 2007 after the previous bell was stolen.

Church organist Nick Fanthom said: "It's very sad. I presume they wanted to sell it to make some money.

The Rev Stephen Buckley described the theft as "very distressing".

Trial run as torch on way

Jon Drew, top, with left, Nick Haynes and Neil Ratcliffe on board President

STAFF at the Black Country Living Museum paraded a replica Olympic torch through the site as the countdown continues to the real flame reaching Dudley.

The torch arrives in the region on Saturday – day 43 of its 70-day, 8,000-mile journey around the UK.

Workers at the museum in Tipton Road, Dudley, staged a practice run. Learning programmer Jon Drew got the chance to jog through the route holding aloft a cardboard replica at the weekend. The torch will arrive on the museum's steam-powered narrow boat, President, at 4.55pm before being carried through the site.

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No cost pledge in theatre campaign

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome and restore it to its former glory claim the project would not cost taxpayers a penny.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome hope to secure the former venue's future and are in talks with officers from site owners Dudley Council.

The members have until the end of August to submit a business plan, but are still waiting to have a look inside the building, last used as a bingo hall.

Campaign co-founder Geoff Fitzpatrick said although the early stages of the plan would not y et be made public, the scheme would not cost the council any money.

He said: "We are not sure how much a scheme to restore the Hippodrome will cost until we look inside, but we believe it won't need money from the council. We would look to apply for lottery funding and for the support of the business community."

The building is part of Castle Hill and is set for demolition under the £10 million masterplan transforming the gateway to the Black Country town.

The council hopes the proposal would increase footfall at the zoo, Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Tunnels.

Vow made on fountain

DUDLEY'S regeneration chief has pledged to continue efforts to restore one of the town's most famous landmarks.

Councillor Shaukat Ali said the 19th century carved feature in the market place in High Street was an "important monument" and should be returned to its former glory. He was speaking after market traders launched a campaign to get the fountain cleaned up.

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500 ops are cancelled at last minute

MORE than 500 operations were cancelled at the last minute at Midland hospitals in just three months, Government figures claim.

But the number of postponed procedures in the region has fallen from the previous quarter.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which includes Kidderminster Hospital, called off the most non-emergency appointments at short notice – cancelling 190 between January 1 and March 31 this year. While patients in Walsall were affected the least with only 34 procedures cancelled during the three months.

Elsewhere 92 operations were cancelled by the Dudley Group of Hospitals, 86 by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals, 105 by Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals, and 74 by Mid-Staffordshire hospital trust. A total of 505 procedures were called off but the number of cancellations has fallen from 575 during the previous financial quarter. All of the patients who had their appointments postponed were treated within 28 days of the cancellation. The figures show a fall from the same period last year when hospitals were faced with an increase in emergency procedures because of a surge in winter illnesses.

Almost 650 operations were affected between January 1 2011 and March 31 the same year.

Lewis Grant, deputy chief operating officer for the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals, said: "Operations are cancelled for a multitude of reasons, from the patient being unfit on the day of surgery, a more urgent case taking priority, cases proving more complex once underway than planned, through to last minute consultant sickness.

Thousands due to turn out for Olympic torch

OLYMPIC fever will be spreading through Dudley when the Olympic flame finally arrives in the borough on Saturday. Thousands are expected to line the route to join in the celebrations as it makes its way along the streets carried by a host of torchbearers.

The torch will enter the borough from Wolverhampton at the Birmingham New Road next to Shaw Road at around 4.20pm.

It will pass Coseley School before coming down to the Ivyhouse Lane junction, passing Silver Jubilee Park and continuing down the road before turning into the Dudley Canal Trust.

Celebration events will be taking place at Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, and Coseley School and drivers are asked to proceed with care in the area, as pedestrians will be heading to view the torch.

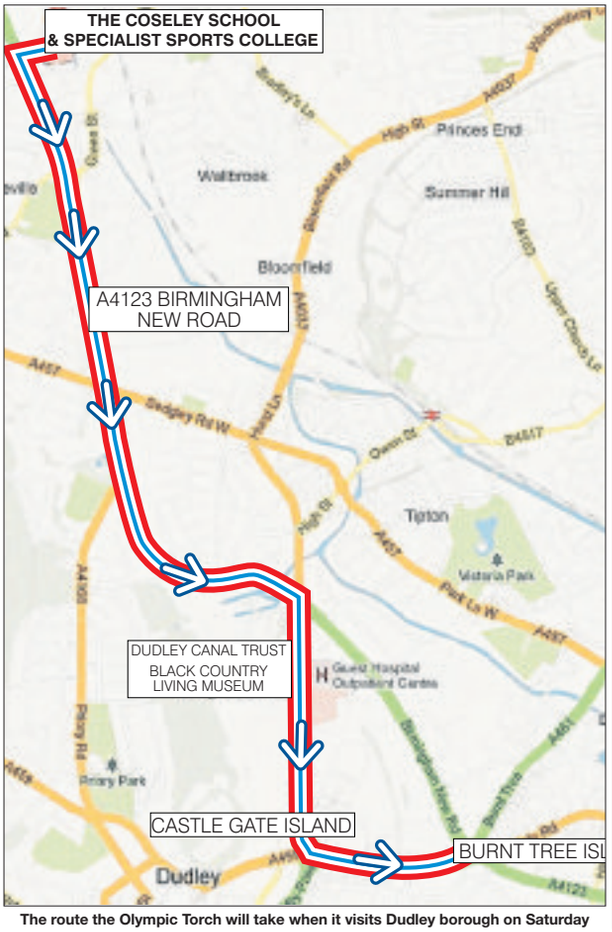
Tram

The torch will then be taken by narrow boat into the Black Country Living Museum where it will be taken on a tram before leaving along Tipton Road and heading up to the Castle Gate island at around 5.38pm.

It will then turn on to the Birmingham Road reaching Burnt Tree junction before leaving the borough and entering Sandwell at around 5.50pm.

Police will operate a rolling road closure on sections of the Birmingham New Road throughout the afternoon, meaning sections of the road will be closed as the torch relay procession approaches.

Traffic will follow behind the procession at the speed of the convoy, which will travel at approximately 4mph. Tipton Road will be closed in both directions from 3pm to 6pm with diversions in place. There is strictly no parking along the route of the torch relay.



The route the Olympic Torch will take when it visits Dudley borough on Saturday

Volunteers from Lions to marshal flame route

VOLUNTEERS from Lions groups are set to help marshal crowds at the Olympic torch relay in Dudley on June 30.

Clubs from Dudley, Kingswinford and Stourbridge have volunteered. Thousands are expected to turn out for the event, which will see the torch enter the borough from Wolverhampton at the Birmingham New Road next to Shaw Road at around 4.20pm.

The relay will pass Coseley School and Silver Jubilee Park and will turn into the Dudley Canal Trust, before being taken by narrow boat into the Black Country Living Museum complex for a sold-out, ticket-only event.

It will leave the museum at Tipton Road at around 5.38pm before heading up to the Castle Gate island and taking the Birmingham Road to Burnt Tree junction, where it leaves the borough and enters Sandwell at around 5.50pm.

Police will operate a rolling road closure on sections of the Birmingham New Road throughout the afternoon. Celebration events will be taking place at Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, and Coseley School.

Hundreds in trade lost 'due to works'

SHOPS are losing hundreds of pounds a day and motorists are facing traffic hold-ups after four weeks of roadworks began on a busy main route to Merry Hill shopping centre.

The work in Brockmoor High Street and Leys Road, Brierley Hill, will see the highway dug out for resurfacing.

It means motorists travelling from Wordsley are banned from going into Leys Road for a half-mile stretch up to Brockmoor High Street, while traffic in the other direction is one way only.

The uphill diversion leads vehicles up Moor Street from the junction with Leys Road, for traffic to link back across to Brockmoor High Street via Fenton Street or to join the busy Brierley Hill High Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Kulwant Rai, owner of Select and Save newsagents and convenience store in High Street, said: "Sales have already dropped and I'm very worried about it.

Councillor Judy Foster, said it was a very important project for the area.

"We apologise for any inconvenience."

Car fans in cash boost

A gathering of "supercar" enthusiasts has raised more than £1,000 for Midlands Air Ambulance.

More than 50 drivers took part in the event, hosted by M6 toll, recently. Cars included Porsches, Ferraris, McLarens and Lamborghinis.

After taking the opportunity to admire the cars on display, drivers left Roadchef Norton Canes to take part in a "loop drive", travelling south to junction three of the M6 before returning to the services in time to see the real star of the show – the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Tribute acts gig

TRIBUTE acts will take to the stage for a showcase in Kidderminster.

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Gardening complex approved

WORK will get under way on a new garden centre, cafe and therapy complex on land in Kingswinford in August after plans were given the go-ahead.

Dudley Mind hopes to open it up to the public by the end of the year.

The charity wants to provide opportunities for local people who are recovering from mental health problems to carry out horticultural work.

The garden centre would also offer training to help people get back into work.

In addition, it would offer advice on horticultural matters.

The land to be developed for the Green Sparks project is a half-acre plot between the BP petrol station and the Premier Inn in Dudley Road. Plans have been approved by Dudley Council.

Dudley Mind's chief executive Martin Mueller said: "We will hopefully start work in a couple of months' time.

"The people who own the quarry at the back of the site have offered to clear it for us for free.

"We hope it will be completed by the autumn ready for next year's growing season."

On song to help charity

A TOTAL of £1,300 has been raised for charity by a concert. Dudley-based Gentleman Songsters performed with Tenby Male Choir at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford.

The choir donated more than £650 each to Action Heart, which supports people with heart conditions at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, and the Leukaemia Unit Appeal for a specialist nurse to run a fast-track oncology unit at the hospital.

TV and radio presenter Aled Jones will join the choir on September 22 at Dudley Concert Hall. Tickets are available on 01384 838863.

Help for illness

HELP is at hand for those with mental illnesses at three weekly sessions run by Rethink Mental Illness at Mary Stevens Hospice Shop, High Street, Stourbridge, on Mondays 2pm to 3.30pm, the Co-op, High Holborn, Sedgley, at Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.30am and The Kaff, High Street, Brierley Hill, on Thursdays 10.30am to noon.

Reopening rail link 'would ease congestion'

REOPENING the Walsall to Stourbridge railway line would help to ease congestion on motorways and allow the region to take advantage of the UK's growing freight market, transport chiefs are claiming.

The amount of goods transported by rail freight has grown by 10 per cent during the past financial year.

Transport authority Centro has predicted the amount of rail freight will increase by 120 per cent by 2030. It wants to see the line between Walsall and Stourbridge reopened.

Chief executive Geoff Inskip believes it will bring new jobs and investment to the area with new or existing companies expected to build freight terminals, at potential locations such as Bescot junction.

He had welcomed the latest figures from the Rail Freight Group.

Importance

"This is great news for our region and highlights the importance of reopening the Walsall-Stourbridge railway line for freight," he said.

Network Rail is in the process of carrying out a full review of rail capacity demand of freight.

Bosses at Centro believe this review will support the case for reopening the line.

Centro is also working on plans to use stretches of the line for so-called tram-trains – specially designed passenger vehicles capable of running on both heavy and light rail tracks.

This could link Stourbridge with Wednesbury with the option of tram-trains connecting with the existing Metro line which is currently undergoing work Birmingham to extended its reach.

The reopening would also provide the opportunity to divert rail freight services away from central Birmingham.

Passenger

This could lead to new passenger services on routes such as the Camp Hill line in south Birmingham and the Tamworth line through Castle Bromwich. Mr Inskip also believes that proposals for the high speed rail line, HS2, were important to any plans for re-establishing the line.

Sale of former garage may give boost to street revival

Proposals to revamp a rundown area of Dudley town centre could get a major boost as a former industrial unit goes up for sale to be redeveloped.

by Andrew Turton

Regeneration bosses say the redevelopment of the former garage could prove a catalyst for other businesses to take on empty premises in King Street.

The building is going under the hammer at auction on June 28. It has been given a guide price of £150,000 to £175,000 by estate agents CP Bigwood

The auction takes place at Villa Park starting at 11am.

Dudley Council's deputy leader, Councillor Shaukat Ali, said if the sale goes through, the building could kick start the revamp of King Street.

"It gives the project a bit of impetus and anything that returns vacant premises into use is a good thing," he said.

"We know there are a large volume of shops and premises in the town centre which are empty and we are working on this.

"King Street is an important part of the town centre and I've made my position clear that we will look at what can be done to bring business and traders in."

King Street was partly converted into a bus lane around five years ago. Councillor Ali said plans to reopen the road fully to traffic remained on the table.

The authority is also working behind the scenes on a fresh bid to become a Portas Pilot town to help boost town centre regeneration after losing out earlier this year. Dudley is vying with Bilston and Walsall for the next round of funding.

Resubmit

Councillor Ali added: "Work is going on behind the scenes on the Mary Portas bid so that we should be in a position to resubmit by the end of the month."

The council has started a search for tenants for the empty shops and has vowed to refurbish the fronts of the vacant units. It comes as a £550,000 project to refurbish council offices in King Street begins with staff set to move in over the summer.

Getting ready to sing

AUDIENCES will be roaring with laughter when Quarry Bank Operatic Society performs one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic operas, The Pirates of Penzance.

Rehearsals are under way at is base in Netherton Arts Centreand the group is appealing for sponsors to help it fund the cost of a new keyboard. The show in September is a fresh take on one of Gilbert and Sullivan's . It will be the group's 52nd production. Tickets cost £10 to 13 and are available on 01384 820902 or or at www.qbos.org.uk

Marjorie Oldacre, of Dudley, celebrates her 100th birthday with daughter Eileen, inset Marjorie aged 17

Marjorie marks a milestone

A GREAT-great grandmother, who earned distinction for her work with St John Ambulance, has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Marjorie Oldacre was joined by family and friends for a party at Castle Meadows care home, in Dudley.

Mrs Oldacre, formerly of Coseley, was well-known in the community after running a small police station in Prince's End, Tipton, with her husband Claude for many years.

Mr Oldacre was a serving police officer and his wife had to regularly help and deal with the public in need of assistance.

But her caring did not end there. In the 1950s she joined St John Ambulance, eventually becoming a serving sister.

She was honoured with the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem accolade. Mrs Oldacre also helped Hungarian and Egyptian refugees.

She and her husband had five children – Percy, David, Patrick, Michael and Eileen. Mr Oldacre died in 1980 and she has outlived her four sons. Her daughter, now Eileen Biddle, was with her for her 100th birthday celebration. Mrs Oldacre has nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

NEWS in brief

Driving up air ambulance cash

MOTORING enthusiasts will get the chance to have a passenger ride in cars including Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche and Aston Martin at a charity event organised by Hagley Car Club.

Loton Park Hill Climb, Shropshire, is hosting the annual Motoring Festival on June 30 at Sir Michael Leighton's stately home at Alberbury, near Shrewsbury. It will raise money for the Midlands Air Ambulance and churches by selling rides up the hill.

Among those taking part is Stourbridge Pre-War Car Club. Action starts at 11am.

Opening date for recycling plant

A £1.1 MILLION project to revamp a recycling depot in Dudley and build facilities to handle grass and hedge cuttings is set to be complete by October.

The work at the Lister Road site follows the creation of a £1m depot at the former BT building, Blowers Green Road, last year to deal with cans, plastics, bottles, paper and cardboard. Now the council wants to cut costs by processing green waste.

Work starts this month.

Poster launch to help vulnerable

A CAMPAIGN has been launched in Worcestershire to raise awareness of financial abuse of vulnerable people.

The first of three posters focused on financial abuse of vulnerable people with a physical or learning disability or a mental health condition. Pete Morgan, chairman of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board, said: "Financial abuse is one of those which are often difficult to detect."

Cellist to play at summer concert

MEMBERS of Halesowen Orchestra have announced their summer concert.

Cellist Philip Handy will be joining them at the Cornbow Hall, Hagley Street, Halesowen, on July 14 at 7.30pm. He will be playing a host of pieces including Dvorak's romantic cello concerto.

Tickets costs £8 and can be bought at the door or by calling 0121 550 0956.

Summer fair date

THE First Halesowen Scout Group is holding a summer fair on July 7 from 11am to 3pm at the Scout Centre, Elizabeth Road, Halesowen. Admission is £1 per family.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

"KNOWLEDGE is strength" has become a mantra of this information age of ours. But sometimes, knowledge can be a right pain. A reader has been informed by his GP that he has the same genetic heart condition that killed his aunt and uncle. He was much happier when he didn't know.

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I SUGGESTED a few days ago that, until the recent planetary event, most people thought the Transit of Venus was an erogenous zone. A reader insists he thought it was a passion wagon made by Ford.

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AN old soldier writes in appreciation of my recent piece about D-Day. He was there, landing on Sword Beach on June 6, 1944 and says of that epic day: "Sadly, today it does not get mentioned enough." Hang on in there, old warrior. Come 2014 and the invasion beaches will be thronged with veterans and well-wishers marking the 70th anniversary. We shall not forget.

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I DID not get the joke of the young joker trying to present a maths book to Chancellor George Osborne. We are told this person is from a new BBC show which will "poke fun at the Establishment".

This is amusing only if you believe that the BBC, which gets £4,000 million of taxpayer's money every year, is not itself a part of the Establishment. But of course it is, right up to its neck.

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HEARTWARMING, wasn't it, to see those MPs bravely standing up in the Commons and admitting they had suffered from mental illness?

But you couldn't help noticing the illnesses in question were the respectable ones such as depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder, which attract sympathy or kindly amusement. I was waiting for an MP to deliver a torrent of effing and blinding and admit he had a virulent form of Tourette's syndrome.

Or maybe a kleptomaniac Member would confess he'd nicked all the Commons notepaper. Or perhaps an MP might admit he has a bit of a problem swiping ladies' underwear from washing lines. We live in hope.

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ALL the truly great conspiracies, from the Vietnam War to the assassination of President Kennedy, involve sinister American industrialists behind closed doors. So it is with The Men Who Made Us Fat (BBC2) in which Jacques Peretti alleges that sinister US politicians and food manufacturers are responsible for sweeteners and portions which have forced us to eat too much.

See? It's not your fault you're a lardarse – blame all those wicked Americans. After comfort food, this sounds suspiciously like a comfort conspiracy. Whatever happened to self-discipline?

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I SUGGESTED recently we grown-ups don't remember the poems we learn as kids. A reader insists she has never forgotten this one, which she has passed on to her own offspring: "Not last night but the night before, Three little pussy cats knocked on my door. One had a trumpet, one had a drum, And one had a pancake stuck to his bum." Wordsworth, I presume.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Petrol station can sell booze 24-7

A PETROL station in Kingswinford will sell alcohol 24 hours a day after being given the go-ahead by licensing chiefs, despite an outcry from residents and councillors.

There were fears it could lead to drunken groups gathering at the Mullet Park Service Station in Bromley Lane late at night. But while Dudley Council's licensing committee said they sympathised with the concerns, they approved the application. They said they believed the site's bosses would take measures to prevent any trouble.

Garage managers are already able to serve alcohol and hot food and drink to customers until 1am seven days a week since its licence came into force in 2008.

Now alcohol can be sold 24 hours a day, all week long, and late-night refreshments between 11pm and 5am. Ward councillors David Blood, Patrick Harley and Peter Miller voiced their concerns with written letters to the licensing committee.

They fear the sale of late-night drink is not suitable on the largely residential estate near The Brier School and The Crestwood School. But the committee voted to approve the plans.

Committee chairman Councillor Mary Roberts said: "The committee has some sympathy with the comments made by local councillors but we have been assured by the applicant that standards will be met and the premises will be well managed."

Andrew Tattershall, managing director of garage owners Bargainsound, told the committee that the firm operated nine other 24-hour garages across the Midlands and there had been no reported problems at any of those sites.

Bid for £1m funding to prevent brook flooding

A £1 million bid for funding to prevent a brook in Cradley from overflowing and flooding nearby homes has been submitted by council bosses.

Mushroom Green embankment would be strengthened as part of the project if the grant from the Environment Agency is approved. At least 142 business and domestic properties could be at risk if the work is not carried out, a report, approved by Dudley Council leader David Sparks, claims.

The culvert runs through the embankment on the Mouse-sweet Brook.

The brook, which runs near Forge Lane, is regularly clogged with debris and rubbish, which has been been illegally dumped.

The report says: "A 50-metre small diameter culvert, which runs through the 10-metre high embankment is failing due to its poor condition.

"The culvert entrance is under a constant risk of blockage resulting from both watercourse flood debris and illegal dumping."

Repair

A bid for £1,035,000 to cover the cost of repair work and the creation of a new culvert has now been submitted to the Environment Agency.

The council has also earmarked £35,000 to contribute to the scheme if needed.

The report says: "In view of the serious threat to public safety the embankment has been included on the Environment Agency's regional high risk sites register."

Last year, a £175,000 project to improve the flow of water along the brook, which feeds into the River Stour, was completed.

The Environment Agency said it would help to protect around 130 nearby properties. Hedgerows were also planted and access to the site improved.

Son stole mother's jewellery

A DRUG addict sold his mother's wedding ring to buy cannabis, a court heard.

Jamie Parkes, aged 22, of The Thatchers, Halesowen, took the ring and other jewellery worth a total £3,500 from his mother Caroline Parkes' bedroom.

He then sold the valuables to a jeweller in Dudley. Parkes pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court to two charges of theft.

The court head how he confessed to selling his sister's ring for £16.

His mother checked her jewellery box and found 10 items missing including a diamond ring and wedding ring. The family went to the shop where he sold the items but his mother's jewellery had been melted down.

Prosecuting, Suki Rai said: "His mother described the jewellery as quite sentimental." Mitigating, Bally Paul said Parkes had apologised to his mother and was now helping her with house chores. She said: "He accepts what he has done is wrong." Parkes, also has Asperger's syndrome, the court heard.

Magistrates adjourned the case for pre-sentence report.

Parkes will be sentenced at the same court on July 16.

Arsonists gut ex-valeting site

Fire crews tackle the blaze which completely destroyed the former car valet unit in the Black Country

A FORMER car valet unit was gutted in an arson attack as 25 firefighters battled to stop the flames spreading to a neighbouring business.

The fire tore through the site in Chester Road, Cradley Heath, leaving just a burned out shell. The roof collapsed and the blaze burned away the floor of the empty industrial unit.

When fire crews arrived at about 4.40pm on Sunday they found a door had been forced. It's believed the blaze was started in the centre of the building using petrol after an empty can was discovered nearby.

There were gangs of youngsters on the car park who at first refused to leave, said watch commander Rudy Parkes, of Cradley Heath fire station.

A door at another unit on the site was also open and there was evidence some small fires had been started in there in recent weeks, Mr Parkes said.

Four fire crews battled to protect the neighbouring Dunn's Photographic Laboratory. The fire was out by about 6pm.

Mr Parkes said: "Once it started, the fire spread really quickly and the bitumen roof came down in no time.

"At the fire's peak the flames had gone through the roof and they were blowing really close to the roof of the business next door. We had to work hard to stop it spreading further as it could have done a lot of damage.

"The building hasn't been used for 18 months – we've contacted the owners. I imagine it will have to be knocked down now."

The road was shut by police for about three hours and an investigation is now being made into the incident.

Crews were at the scene until about 9pm damping down.

A CCTV camera overlooking the building had been turned away so none of the attack would have been captured, Mr Parkes added. "It seems like someone had just come along to cause damage, which causes a lot of problems when we have to deal with it," he said.

Chamber at HQ to be hired for events

A COUNCIL chamber at a new £10 million headquarters in the Midlands will be hired out to theatre groups to raise cash.

Rooms at Wyre Forest District Council's base in Kidderminster would cost up to £120 a day to rent when it opens in September. A total of eight rooms would be available for meetings and events.

Plans to create the new HQ at Finepoint Business Park have proved controversial, with some councillors saying the cash could have been better spent in other areas.

But the authority says having services under one roof will help save around £500,000 every year. It's hoped renting the premises out could raise thousands.

Councillors are set to start meeting at the building in September and construction work is expected to be completed on July 30.

Five of the rooms including the chamber are suitable for cabaret, while three can be used for theatre or as a boardroom, a new report to the council says. The chamber, can hold 60 people, would would cost £20 an hour.

Completion event date

A CEREMONY to mark the completion of a £100,000 project to restore a replica 18th Century steam engine central to the Black Country's industrial heritage will take place next month.

The Newcomen engine has been on display at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley for 25 years. It was closed to the public in August last year for repair work. TV presenter Adam Hart-Davis will reopen it to visitors on July 14. The event will mark the tercentenary of the invention of the first steam engine.

Homes planned

THREE industrial units in Halesowen could be demolished to make way for a block of 13 apartments.

Developer Turran has revealed plans to flatten the premises in Hagley Road and build the three-storey block. A planning application has been submitted to Dudley Council.

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No funding scuppers path plan

WORK to build a new footpath along a busy country road where a 70-year-old man was killed has been ruled out by council chiefs due to a lack of funding.

Dudley Council had looked into creating a 4ft wide path in Racecourse Lane, Stourbridge, to improve safety, as pedestrians have to walk in the road.

But a new report reveals the cost of the project, which would include moving utility equipment and access on to private land, would be £193,000.

The report to Stourbridge Area Committee by John Millar, director of the urban environment, says: "Funds are not available for this work." But he says the council will still consider a "pedestrian holding area" at the junction of Worcester Lane and Racecourse Lane, with dropped kerbs and new paving.

The man was killed in June 2009, near the junction with Quarry Park Road, as he walked out of a driveway.

In October 2011 a driver crashed when he attempted to turn right into Ounty John Lane.

Residents of the Pedmore section of Racecourse Lane have complained they cannot walk along the road as it is too dangerous.

Action vow over flats

DUDLEY Council chiefs have vowed to take action over an eyesore block of shops and flats that have attracted vandalism and fly-tipping.

Five of the six shops at the complex in Beech Road, Kingswinford, are boarded up, with only a convenience store still trading.

All six of the flats above the shops are occupied but the gardens are overgrown and piles of rubbish have been dumped there in the past.

Dudley Council said it will be holding talks with residents and police to prevent further attacks on the site and identify those responsible for it.

Musicals show

A THEATRE group will perform songs from famous musicals in Halesowen from July 5 to 7. Startime Variety's Summer Cabaret at Lutley Community Centre features songs from their shows over the last 10 years. Tickets are £10. To book call 07901055685.

Parents lodge complaint over son's death

Tragic – Owen Jeremy

THE PARENTS of an eight-year-old Dudley boy, who died suddenly after an asthma attack, are challenging a decision by hospital staff to give him adrenalin.

Keen footballer and swimmer Owen Jeremy, of Wordsley, near Stourbridge, died at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, on May 24, when he suffered cardiac arrest soon after being given adrenalin.

But his parents, Rowena and David, of Primrose Hill, Wordsley, say the youngster's heart was racing and they are questioning why he was given the stress hormone.

They also accuse the hospital of not giving them proper support in the wake of the tragedy.

The couple say they have given their comments to the Patient Advice and Liaison Service and the hospital has confirmed a formal complaint has been lodged.

Paula Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to the Jeremy family on the sad loss of their son Owen. Unfortunately, due to patient confidentiality, we are unable to comment further."

Funeral

Owen, whose funeral took place recently at Gornal Wood Crematorium, had passed his 50m swimming badge on the day before the tragedy, although he had been wheezy.

During that afternoon, staff at his school, Fairhaven Primary, Wordsley, contacted his parents to say he was wheezing and they took him to the hospital.

Mrs Jeremy said Owen played with his father while waiting in the x-ray room and happily talked about plans for holidays to Butlins and Disneyland Paris.

At 11pm he deteriorated and was given adrenalin but suffered a cardiac arrest at 51 minutes past midnight. "This came completely out of the blue," said Mrs Jeremy, aged 37, who is a hazards manager for the Met Office.

A post mortem has failed to establish the cause of death.

Students with eyes on the prize in passing out display

Sophie Allen and Davina Salhan celebrate their achievements

Students carrying out one of the fitness exercises as part of the passing out parade event

Some of the families friends and dignitaries who turned up to watch the passing out

Students going through the Olympic-themed routine

Students patrol a mock checkpoint

Dudley College student Sherae Adams with fellow classmates at the parade at Kingswinford Rugby Club

MORE than 100 students looking towards careers in the military and police held a passing out parade in front of friends and family.

Public Service course students from Dudley College gathered at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, Wall Heath where around 120 of them took part, staging team exercises and highlighting the skills they have learned.

The traditional parade in front of the crowd was also held.

Events included an Olympic-themed fitness exercise, a mock-up of a checkpoint patrol and a silent drill. Bosses from the college said more than 400 parents and friends of students turned up for the occasion with them.

The course prepares youngsters for life in the public services. Tutors who have served with the armed forces, police, customs and excise and the fire service are brought in to give lectures. Some students who have earned their level three diploma are now set to move to universities while others move on to other courses at the college.

Among the students taking part was 18-year-old Davina Salhan, of Lilac Drive, Wombourne, who has successfully completed her level three diploma in public services. Paul Rigden, centre manager for public services, said: "We are all very proud of their achievements."

NEWS in brief

Officers takes on two challenges

A LEADING police officer in Worcestershire will take on two extreme challenges for charity to mark his 50 birthday.

Detective Superintendent Martin Lakeman, of West Mercia Police, is raising money for St Richard's Hospice in Worcester.

He is taking on the Royal Marine Commando Endurance Challenge this weekend in Devon.

And in September, he is doing the ten mile Para10 Endurance Challenge in Yorkshire.

See www.justgiving.com/Martin-Lakeman to donate.

Pupils triumph in knowlege quiz

A TEAM of young general knowledge experts from a Stourbridge school has won its way through to the finals of a national quiz competition.

Four pupils, aged seven to 11, from Oldswinford Church of England Primary triumphed in the regional semi-final and will be the national finals on July 12.

The Quiz Club National Inter-School Quiz Championship involves more than 1,200 primary schools across the country.

Free parking for Torch watchers

THERE will be free parking in town centres in the Midlands to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch.

Charges will be either waived or discounted as thousands are expected to line the streets on June 30. The move comes as it was announced Sir Cliff Richard will carry the Torch through Birmingham.

Dudley Council has yet to confirm its arrangements.

A fit way to help charity funds

STAFF and members of a Dudley gym raised £1,403 at a fitness event in aid of a charity that supports people with a rare incurable liver disease.

The Unique Fitness 4 Ladies Only gym, Wellington Road, also donated more cash to top up the amount presented to Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis Support to £1,500.

Jobs check-out

MORE than 120 people have applied for 15 jobs at a Tesco Express due to open at the end of the month on the former Old Bear pub site, Stourbridge Road, Kidderminster.

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£250,000 fund aiming to boost trade in towns

A £250,000 town centre support fund has been set up to help boost trade in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport by giving each of the areas a facelift.

It's hoped the move will help attract more retailers to start up businesses. Council bosses also want to encourage more shoppers into the three towns. Leader of Wyre Forest District Council John Campion said the £250,000, which is coming from the council's coffers after it made savings of more than £800,000, would complement work already taking place to boost trade.

Mr Campion said: "The aim is to bring more businesses into the town centres and to improve the look of them to entice new traders in.

"This is an excellent position to be in and will be of real benefit to the area."

The money has been allocated from the council's savings and fund was backed by the cabinet at a meeting last week.

Members also agreed to contribute £50,000 towards design costs for the redevelopment of St George's Hall, Bewdley.

The council made savings of more than £800,000 over the last financial year.

A provisional final account for 2011/12 shows a surplus of £808,590 which will be partially used by the authority to boost development projects in the district.

The majority of the cash, £407,590 will now be placed in the council's financial strategy as part of the 2013/16 budget process. But members agreed £100,000 of the surplus would be used to top up a £700,000 fund for one-off costs for the Wyre Forest Forward scheme.

This aims to develop new and more efficient working practices for the authority.

Management buys group

AN ENGINEERING group with a branch in Peartree Lane, Dudley has undergone a management buyout.

Godiva Bearings Grouphas its head office in Middlesex. The buyout was led by managing director Tom Hamlett, supported by financial director Trevor Brain.

Call to clean fountain

Len Lenihan at the fountain in Dudley, which traders want cleaned up

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to get Dudley's town centre fountain cleaned up.

Traders claim the 19th century carved feature in the market place, High Street needs an urgent revamp and it has come under attack from birds roosting inside.

Len Lenihan, chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association, said some of the stonework was crumbling and it had become filthy due to the mess left by the birds.

Prince Charles voiced concerns about the fountain's condition during his visit to the town's market place in January 1996.

Since then council bosses have been wanting to restore it and it is due to be refurbished as part of a wider project to revamp Dudley Market Place. But plans for the scheme are still being drawn up so it is not yet known when work will start. Mr Lenihan is calling for it to be thoroughly cleaned.

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Problems that go with stadiums

I NOTE with interest that those people who are suggesting or supporting the provision of a multi-purpose sports stadium at Castle Gate, all live miles away from the area.

A recent advocate, Mrs J Fisher of Longfellow Road, Dudley, lives five miles away from Castle Gate, for example, and would therefore not have to endure any of the anti-social side effects.

I used to live considerably further away from Long Eaton Speedway Stadium when that was in use, than I live from Castle Gate now and I well remember how horrendous the noise, the stink and the dust could be, especially when the wind was in a certain direction and after a spell of dry weather.

And for those unfortunate people living in properties closer to the stadium, each event night meant a constant battle with the selfish morons who couldn't or wouldn't park in the stadium car park.

I've no doubt Mrs Fisher and others like her would claim to be happy to have such a facility built near to their own properties. But how would their neighbours feel about it, I wonder?

Potentially noisy, smelly and dirty stadia should be built on brown field sites and/or disused airfields that are miles from anywhere, so that petrolheads and the like can enjoy their pointless pursuits in isolation.

Failing that, they shouldn't be built at all.

MR R A SARGEANT
Rosland Estate,
Dudley

Third rate musicians at Jubilee stage show

I AGREE entirely with Peter Rhodes' reference to Prince Phillip missing the so-called jubilee concert.

We are all pleased the duke is making good progress, but like many of us I am sure he was glad he was spared the ordeal of having to endure hours of third raters churning out a load of stale repetitive rubbish.

I am sure the queen like many of us would have enjoyed some of the good music that has been around during her reign particularly the early 50s.

A band of good musicians such as the Joe Loss orchestra, whom she danced to on many occasions, would have been great for the occasion as would the many forms of light music.

JOHN COLLINS
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Chasing losses will usually end in tears

AFTER reading Mr Alan T Harrison's letter of June 8, I can confirm he is indeed correct about the Conservatives being responsible for the economy during the early 1990s and what an excellent job they made of it leaving Gordon Brown with a stable economy.

I am grateful, however that Mr Harrison reminded us in great detail about the names of the skilful politicians in charge of the economy at that time but he never mentioned it was a period of stability only to be tarnished in later years by the famous ironic suggestion by Gordon Brown of "no more boom or bust".

The financial roller coaster ride continued for 13 years until the British electorate finally called time on the socialist activities in 2010. During this period they increased employment in the public sector by approximately 700,000.

We cannot totally blame socialist policies for our current predicament because more worldwide bank regulation should have taken place. In the gambling industry this would be regarded as chasing losses which ends in tears.

ROY SLIMM, Church Road, Dudley

Why trade longer because of games?

CAN someone please explain to me why it is deemed necessary for Merry Hill to open longer on a Sunday during the Olympics?

Surely it would make more sense for them to close early so allowing shop workers to be able to enjoy this once in a lifetime event with their families.

Is it perhaps the thin end of the wedge, as I am sure supporters of Sunday trading will deem it a success leading to longer opening hours being the norm.

Long and unsociable hours have a negative affect on the lives of workers and their families. The Olympics are there to promote sport to everyone, and we should resist any cynical moves to use them as a smoke screen.

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Brierley Hill

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Campaigners invited to be part of home's future

CAMPAIGNERS who fought successfully to save a Kingswinford care home from the axe are being invited by council bosses to help shape its future, under revised plans.

They will be able to join a stakeholder working group to scrutinise decisions regarding New Bradley Hall care home and ensure residents are kept up to date with any plans.

During a meeting of Dudley Council's cabinet last week, adult social care boss, Councillor Steve Waltho, said the Compton Drive home will be kept open to its long-term residents for the "foreseeable future".

He also announced plans for a wide-ranging review into adult social care services in the borough to coincide with the Government's white paper on social care due later this year.

Speaking after the meeting Councillor Waltho said: "We have invited members of the campaign group to be part of this new stakeholder body.

"This is in order to allow us to work together for the benefit of the residents.

"I have already discussed this with them prior to the meeting and I am looking forward to working with them."

Leading campaigner Mac Scott MBE welcomed the news

"This has been a long, emotional time for everyone involved in the campaign but this is good news which will allow us to talk about the future of the home together," he said.

Talk comparing Queens

BRIERLEY Hill Library will welcome local historian Patricia Boyd to present a diamond jubilee-themed history talk on June 29. Visitors will hear about the similarities and differences between the only two monarchs to have reached their diamond jubilee.The talk, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, will look at the contrasting characters of Queen Victoria and the present Queen.

To book a ticket, call 01384 812874.

Getting a grip on games

Sledmere Primary School pupils, from left, Ben Horton, nine, Marcus Blake, Saffa Fraz, Areesha Amjad, and, bottom, Sarah Butler, all aged10

THE OLYMPIC spirit was alive and kicking in Dudley as this year's St Thomas' Community Games got under way.

Organisers are offering a programme of sports including cricket, basketball and orienteering throughout the bi-annual event, which runs until July 8.

An opening ceremony to mark the start of the games was held at Dudley Zoo and Castle.

Councillor Shaukat Ali, who organised the event, said: "This year's St Thomas' Community Games will be taking place at the same time the Olympic torch passes through Dudley on June 30, and actually through the St Thomas' ward itself, so it's wonderful to see the community working together to make these games possible in a year where sports and communities are so important.

"This is possibly our most ambitious games since they were launched in 2006 and are a great opportunity to highlight and celebrate our communities and volunteers."

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A wartime romance that has lasted for 70 years

Platinum couple Hilda and Tom Lawther

SEVEN decades of happy marriage have been celebrated by a Black Country couple who have reached their platinum anniversary.

Hilda and Tom Lawther married when Britain was in the grip of World War II and they both did their bit to help the war effort.

Mr Lawther was a teenager when he joined the Royal Navy serving on a destroyer through the Second World War. While he was serving at sea, Mrs Lawther was on the shop floor at Bean Foundry, Tipton, which was producing parts for military vehicles at the time. The couple, both aged 92, went on to settle in Tipton, where they have lived all their married lives.

"We have been lucky to stay healthy and well and it's wonderful to reach 70 years," said Mrs Lawther.

Mr Lawther came to the Black Country, aged 15, from Dumbarton, Scotland to find work. The couple met at the foundry, off Birmingham New Road.

Hilda Lawther, nee Stanton, had a sister and six brothers and lived in Chapel Street, Tipton.

But soon after meeting, Tom joined the navy as a Petty Officer. They married at St Matthew's Church, Tipton, on June 20, 1942, but there was no honeymoon as they went straight back to work.

Following the war, Tom worked for Kleeneze brush company as an area distribution manager. They set up home in Tipton and had their son Tony in 1946.

Over the years they enjoyed ballroom dancing and took many holidays to Jersey.

School in first aid finals

PUPILS at a Black Country school have secured a place in the final of a national competition testing first aid skills.

The team from Colley Lane Primary School, Halesowen, won the West Midlands regional round of the St John Ambulance National Schools' First Aid Competition.

They will now go on to the national final in London on June 27.

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From Twitter to tidying up the town's grotspots

IT ALL started with the Stourbridge Dump, a Twitter account set up by Russell Eden of the Tidy Stourbridge Group and Dave Colley to expose "filthy" hotspots around the town in a bid to shame Dudley Council into cleaning them up.

"The night-time economy in the town centre was creating such a mess that the council was concentrating on that, but other areas were filthy," said Russell, of Norton, a 50-year-old account manager working in telecommunications.

"Then about two years ago we decided to turn it all into something positive and began to attract people to come out and tidy up the town – and do some socialising at the same time."

Ever since, the Pick 'n' Pint sessions have been running throughout the year.

Dudley Council provides them with bags and litter grabbers and arranges for a vehicle to pick up the rubbish.

After spending an hour to an hour and a half clearing up a different area each time, the litter pickers adjourn to the pub.

It was pouring with rain for the most recent Pick 'n' Pint session, based around the shops in The Broadway, Norton, so the team retired to the New Inn for a beer after only about 45 minutes.

Russell said the biggest culprits for creating litter around the town were smokers.

"Cigarettes are the most ubiquitous litter – Stourbridge is buried under billions of fags," he added.

Front, Russell Eden and Dave Colley, and back, Roger Kendrick, Maris Vigar, Peter Harvey, Joan Kendrick, Alun Nicholas, Lee Fisher and Chris Bramall

The Tidy Stourbridge Group at a previous clear up

Thieves steal horse tack

THIEVES broke in to stables and a caravan and took two saddles, one which is worth £475, along with three bridles. The raid happened at Fieldhouse Lane, Romsley, near Halesowen on June 10.

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Glassboys to hold talks on future of their ground

TALKS will be held between Stourbridge Football Club, council officials and the Football Association about future development of its home ground.

The club made the headlines by reaching the FA Cup second round earlier this year, swelling the bank balance and uniting the town.

Haulage firm boss Andy Pountney took over as chairman of the "Glassboys" this summer when Ian Pilkington stepped down to become vice-chairman.

Mr Pountney said the club needed to take stock after a whirlwind period in its history.

He added future ambitions to develop the War Memorial Athletic Ground remained a priority.

"We are working behind the scenes about future developments of the ground with the FA and Dudley Council," he said.

"We are in the hands of the council as it owns the ground but there will be discussions in the next few months.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, and the most important thing is we do not want to get carried away with ourselves following last season." Stourbridge FC share their ground, in Amblecote High Street, with Stourbridge Cricket Club, and it is also a base for the town's running club.

However, the ground is owned by Dudley Council, and officials would have to agree to any redevelopment before it could take place. The club benefited from a windfall of about £100,000 thanks to its FA Cup run last season.

Gallery closure on hold

UNDER-FIRE plans to close a gallery regularly used for art exhibitions and concerts at Kidderminster Library have been put on hold.

It comes after district councillors objected to proposals to turn the second floor gallery into offices to cater for almost 140 social care workers.

A planning application for a change of use of the gallery area has been withdrawn by Worcestershire County Council.

Bosses say they want to spend more time to discuss the plans with the town's art and music groups which have objected to the proposals, before making a final decision.

Under the county council's plans, the Steinway grand piano would be moved from the gallery to the first floor where a new performance area would be created near the computer section while space would be provided to display artwork on the ground floor.

Fear

Among the groups, which have objected to the scheme, is Kidderminster Classical Music Society.

Members fear the new performance area would not be suitable for its concerts which attract world-class musicians and audiences of up to 100. But the county council says the plans are necessary to help it trim its budgets. Councillor John Campion, said: "To ensure that we don't have to consider closing our smaller libraries we have to consider more challenging issues, such as how we make most efficient use of our larger buildings, such as Kidderminster Library.

"The arts community in Kidderminster have some concern over the possibility of moving the Gallery and performance space from the top floor of the Library so it's right that we withdraw the current application to enable further dialog to take place so we can understand those concerns," added councillor Campion

Birds block work start

NESTING lapwings have put the brakes on work starting on a multi-million housing development.

The construction of more than 300 homes is due to get under way on two parcels on land in Pensnett, Dudley.

Developers are having to wait for young birds to fledge on the site before they can start work.

Marketing manager Margaret Hopkins of Landowners London & Cambridge Properties (LCP) said they had been working with ecologists after discovering lapwing nests on the site.

Pupils legging it through history

Youngsters from Foxyards Primary School during their visit to Dudley Canal Trust

YOUNGSTERS were given a glimpse into the past with a tour on a historic stretch canal through Dudley.

The pupils also tried the traditional craft of legging which is navigating a boat through the narrow tunnels by lying on their backs and walking along the walls.

More than 70 children and staff from Foxyards Primary School, Tipton, visited Dudley Canal Trust to learn more about the town's history and the importance of waterways.

Youngsters first visited the Little Tess Cavern, learning how limestone was formed, before moving on to the Hurst Cavern.

There youngsters were told how mining was carried out and the materials carried away on boats using the canal. And at the end they were able to try legging through Lord Ward's Tunnel near the Shirts Mill Basin.

School visits to the site have proved so successful bosses from the canal trust hope to put a "classroom" boat along the canal during the six week holiday for children to learn more.

Spokesman for the canal trust June Hodgetts said: "It was a great visit and I hope the youngsters had a really good time."

Specialist sewer firm moves headquarters

A SPECIALIST sewer and drain clearance company has relocated its headquarters in Dudley to Kingswinford as part of a major expansion programme by its parent group.

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18th century bridge is to get essential repairs

ESSENTIAL repairs are to be carried out on a Bewdley Bridge nearly two years after calls first went out for maintenance to be done.

Years of floods and bad weather have taken their toll on the bridge, which dates back to 1798, leaving stone and metal work heavily worn. Plans have now been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council for improvements on the Grade-I listed structure with the consultation period already under way. The aim is to start work as soon as possible.

If approval is given work would take place within the present financial year, according to Councillor John Campion.

The scheme will see five heavily weathered stone columns replaced.

Iron bottle pilasters along the Beale's Corner approach to the bridge will also be repainted as part of the project.

Damaged cast iron railings along Riverside North will also be restored.

The project is being carried out by Worcestershire County Council, the district council and English Heritage.

Calls have been made for substantial maintenance work to be carried out at the bridge since 2010.

The structure was designed by Thomas Telford and built by Shrewsbury contractor John Simpson for £9,000. It originally had a toll house but this was demolished in the 1960s. Councillor Campion said the maintenance to the bridge was taking place as part of a programme of works on structures across the area.

£400 of jewellery stolen

AROUND £400 of Asian gold jewellery has been stolen from a house in Dudley.

Detectives are appealing for information about the theft at an address in Gordon Crescent, Pensnett. Among the items stolen was wedding jewellery. Det Con Karen Trinder, from Dudley CID, said the theft took place on May 27 between 4.45pm and 11pm. Anyone with information can call 101.

Crystal clear memories

Patrick Haden, seated, and fellow former workers at the reunion

FORMER workers of a world-famous glass factory in Stourbridge have shared their memories, photographs and artefacts as part of a £2.1 million project.

The items will be used in the new Webb Corbett Visitor Centre being built on the site of the old factory in Wollaston Road.

Former workers of the factory and their relatives attended a reflections day at the Ruskin Glass Centre recently. Ex-chief glassmaker Malcolm Andrews, aged 69, of Braemar Avenue, Wordsley, said: "It was a brilliant company to work for, very paternal, they looked after their employees. I loved working there."

Doris and Patrick Haden of John Street, Wordsley, who met while working as glass cutters in the 1940s also attended. The pair, now both aged 80, have been married for 56 years." Iris Halford, aged 72, of Barton Lane, Wall Heath, brought a picture of her father Arthur Sutton who worked there many years ago .

Iris Halford's father Arthur with his leaving present

Iris Halford and Malcolm Andrews look at pictures

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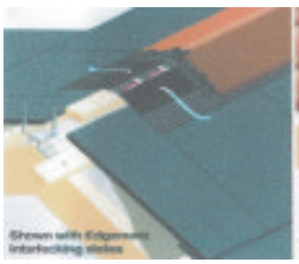

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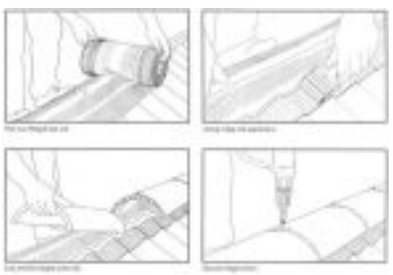

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Pledge to fight moves that could kill hospital

COUNCIL chiefs have vowed to fight cost-cutting plans that could see Kidderminster Hospital closed.

Six options have been forwarded for the future of services, with two of them possibly spelling the end for the hospital.

It is the latest blow for the hospital which lost its accident and emergency department when it was downgraded by the Government in 2000. Since then health campaigners have battled to have the services reinstated.

While facing a shortfall in funding clinicians are reviewing how they can manage Kidderminster Hospital; the Alexandra, Redditch and the Worcestershire Royal,Worcester, which both have A&E units.

A public consultation will be carried out on all six options, and a final decision on the preferred option will be made in December.

A statement jointly released by Wyre Forest District Council leader John Campion, deputy leader Marcus Hart, along with councillors Nathan Desmond, Stephen Clee, Gordon Yarranton and Anne Hingley, said any decisions made must retain acute hospital services in Kidderminster.

The statement says: "We believe this is not acceptable for the residents of Wyre Forest. We resist the overall withdrawal or downgrading of acute services at the Kidderminster site."

While Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier said "more, not fewer, services" should come to Kidderminster Hospital.

Betting shop is planned

A BETTING shop will replace a closed-down post office in Stourbridge under plans handed to Dudley Council.

Bet Centre has submitted an application to open the shop in Wordsley Green Shopping Centre.

The bookies would take the place of the post office, which moved five doors up to the centre's Spar shop in May. Dudley Council will rule on the application next month.

Boy bags membership

Bagpipe player Cameron Doe, aged 13, one of the youngest ever Royal British Legion members, with Paul Gittins, left, and Jeffrey Styles, from the Bewdley branch

A SCHOOLBOY bagpipe player has become one of the country's youngest Royal British Legion members.

Cameron Doe, aged 13, has supported the Bewdley branch for more than a year.

He began by playing the bagpipes with his father Henry at events including the launch of the annual poppy appeal.

Now the Bewdley High School pupil, from Crossway Green, Stourport, has become a fully-fledged member. He was welcomed during a jubilee celebration at the Black Boy Hotel, Bewdley, where he was presented with a new kilt pin to replace one he lost while entertaining crowds in the town centre.

Branch spokesman Keith Thompson said: "When the members heard about it they decided to have a whip-round and help him buy a new one. For us, Cameron is an inspiration to the youth of today."

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thechronicle THE WAY I SEE IT

A new approach is needed on the issue of immigration

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

PEOPLE from all over the world have made a huge contribution to business, public services and community life in Dudley.

Immigration has brought great benefits to Britain, but it's important both the benefits of immigration and the demands on public services, such as schools, hospitals and housing, are shared equally.

Time and again at the last election people raised their concerns about immigration with me. I don't think it's racist to raise concerns about immigration.

I listened to local people and brought the Immigration Minister to Dudley so he could listen too. I campaigned for the measures the last government introduced, like the Australian-style points system for people coming here to work.

But the truth is that Labour was late to understand and face up to the full impact of mass immigration on our communities, workplaces and public services such as schools, health and housing.

That's why I'm pleased Ed Miliband has announced major changes to our immigration policies – changes which start with an acknowledgement of what we got wrong.

As Ed pointed out, we were wrong not to impose transitional controls on Eastern European countries as they joined the EU.

Squeezed

The combination of immigration and inadequate labour standards meant wages at the bottom were squeezed in some sectors, including by illegal exploitation in some cases.

In others, firms were forced into a short-term, low skill approach by the ready supply of low wage migrant labour. In some areas those firms that did want to hire skilled workers took on migrant labour, rather than training up the next generation. Changes we eventually made were successful and popular.

The Government has kept the Australian-style points system Labour introduced because it works. Labour also insisted new immigrants be able to speak English and access to benefits was restricted.

Moving forward, we need to see better enforcing of the minimum wage by doubling the maximum fine for those paying below the going rate to £10,000, and tackling the exclusion of British workers from some recruitment agencies by strengthening the laws designed to prevent this.

We also need to see an early warning system to tackle problems in skills and standards – with reviews of sectors that have become too dependent on migrant labour, so we know where we haven't done enough to equip the young people with the skills they need to compete.

David Cameron promised that net migration would fall from 250,000 to tens of thousands by the end of the Parliament. He said "no ifs, no buts, it's a promise to the British people". Yet net migration has barely changed and no expert thinks the Government has the policies to deliver.

Enforcement

He has also failed to grasp that enforcement really matters. Ministers have not done enough to tackle illegal immigration.

The border fiasco last summer saw controls lifted hundreds of times and a 20 per cent drop in those refused entry at Heathrow. Border staff have even stopped taking fingerprints from people caught hiding in lorries at Calais.

We need a new approach to immigration – one that tackles these problems, addresses people's concerns and recognises that, although there are great benefits to immigration, they are not equally shared.

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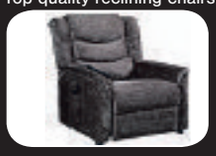

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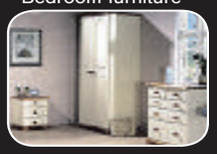

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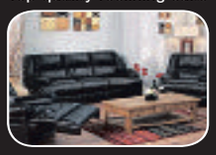

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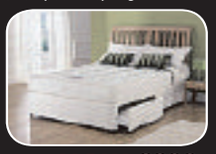

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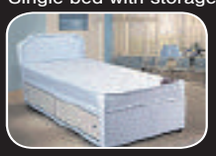

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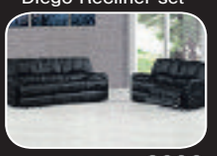

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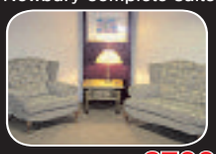

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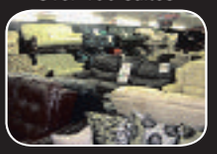

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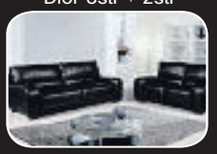

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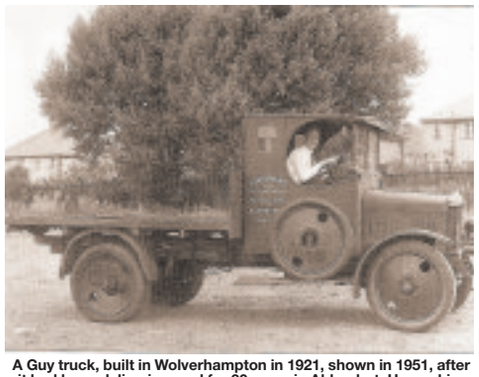
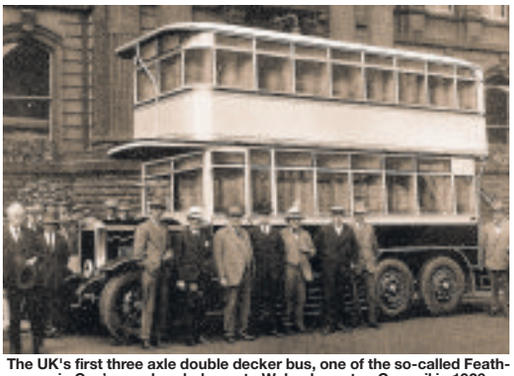


A Guy truck, built in Wolverhampton in 1921, shown in 1951, after it had been delivering coal for 30 years in Aldershot, Hampshire



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After the war Guy returned to truck manufacture, and also built Britain's first V8 car. Only about 200 of these expensive motors were sold at £1,395, and though a smaller car soon followed, Guy decided to concentrate on commercial vehicles from 1922.

Jaguar

The firm built trucks and buses and, from 1926, an innovative six-wheel trolley bus, with regenerative braking. When the driver released the accelerator pedal, power was fed back into the overhead wires, which slowed the bus down without brakes.

Such innovation lead to the Guy slogan "feathers in our cap".

In 1928, Guy took over the ailing Star Company and moved it to a new factory in Showell Road, not far from its own Park Lane works, but Star continued to struggle, and to save the parent company during the Great Depression, Star was closed down.

Guy continued to make trucks for civilian and military use, and when British troops went to France in 1939, their best trucks were said to be Guys.

The company also developed a way of welding armour plate, which it handed over to the government for use in make Humber armoured cars.

After the 1939-45 war Guy continued to make buses and trucks, which were exported all over the world. The company fell on hard times during the late 1950s and went into receivership in 1961, being bought out by Jaguar Cars.

Three years later, Jaguar also acquired Guy's neighbour Henry Meadows, a diesel engine maker. Jaguar became part of the British Motor Corporation, and then British Leyland.

In 1975 vehicle production stopped at Guy Motors, although it was the only divisions of BL making a profit apart from Jaguar and three years later the factory in Park Lane was closed,

Wolverhampton no longer had a major vehicle manufacturer and a host of skilled employees lost their jobs.

The Guy bus erecting shop at Park Lane in the 1920s

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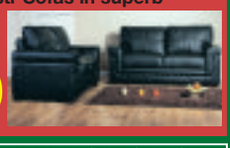

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CLUB NEWS

An insight into life as an 'extra'

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

THE British Legion was awash with colour when all members wore red, white and blue in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

Chairman Audrey Phipps welcomed the speaker Shirley Ireland Jones.

Sheila Evans gave both the treasurer's report and the secretary's report.

There are still a few seats available for the trip to Stratford on July 12. A reminder was given that there is no meeting in August.

The Harvest Supper and auction of produce is held at the September event.

The speaker kept the ladies highly entertained with tales of the years she was employed as an "extra" or supporting actor, at the BBC.

An insight was gained into the workings and routine of the organisation both on set and at numerous locations.

Yvonne Baytown gave a vote of thanks.

Wine and cake, decorated in patriotic colour and design, were served and a toast to The Queen was given.

Rosemary Langbourne and Shirley Hart won raffle prizes.

The next meeting is on July 5 with Catherine Clarke presenting "Fashion in Hats".

Any new members or visitors will be made welcome.

Cameo appearance at jubilee celebration

The Cameo Committee from left to right, Gloria Crannage, Pamela Lane, Elaine Lay, Jane Emery, Gill Parsons, Chris Guest, Greta Fellows and Jeanette Babb

MEMBERS were delighted to attend a jubilee celebration lunch on June 12 at Patshull Park Hotel, all adorned in their red white & blue outfits

Chairman Jane Emery welcomed everyone to the lunch and an enjoyable lunch was had by all. The jubilee raffle arranged by Elaine Lay brought in funds for the chosen 2012 charity Motor Neurone Disease.

Entertainment with Maggie O'Hara followed through 60 years of music finishing with flag-waving to Land of Hope & Glory.

CAMEO LADIES

After the celebrations concluded each member received a red potted geranium as a memento of the occasion.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 2, with a talk entitled "Romance with Shirley Valentine" by Audrey Hall. It is being held at The Mercure Goldthorn Hotel, Penn Road, Wolverhampton at 7.45pm.

Contact 01902 330727 or 01902 844836 for more information.

Friendly group welcome

DUDLEY WIDOWS & FRIENDS CIRCLE

THE Dudley Widows & Friends Circle meet every second Saturday in the month at 2.15pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Trinity Road, Dudley.

It is a small friendly group which has several events taking place during the year including meals out and Christmas lunch. Further details about the club are available from either 01902 881097 or on 01902 676997.

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Plans for a £250,000 town sports academy

A £250,000 community sports arena and football academy for hundreds of youngsters will be created in Sedgley, under new plans. Straits Football Club wants to redevelop a plot of land near Wood Farm in Gospel End Road.

by Heather Large

It currently has two teams – an under-8s and an under-10s – and training sessions are held at Bramford Primary School in Coseley.

But the club is hoping to cater for other age groups in the future including under-13s as well as running training sessions throughout the week.

The club wants to create a full-size football pitch as well as changing room and refreshment facilities on the Gospel End Road site.

Director and head coach Martin Ball said it would be opened up to the wider community so it could be used by other organisations such as the Scouts and others sport and keep-fit groups.

The club is hoping to raise some of the cash needed to bankroll the project by holding fundraising events.

Mr Ball said work had already begun to try to secure grants from organisations such as Sport England towards the project.

Members will need to raise between £10,000 and £12,000 themselves and are hoping to get support from local businesses.

Permission to build the arena has been granted by South Staffordshire District Council's planning committee.

Training

Work to flatten the site will begin later this year and the club hopes to start training at the new site in December.

The club, which has been running for two years, hopes to begin playing matches at the sports arena during the 2013/14 season.

It plays in the Bilston Partnership Youth League. Mr Ball said: "It's an exciting time for the club."

Discussions due on memorial for steel workers

PROPOSALS for a memorial to the workers of a Dudley steel manufacturer will be discussed.

The project to create a memorial to the workers of Brierley Hill's Round Oak Steelworks stalled earlier this year due to a lack of cash. Dudley borough artist Steve Field had contacted the Arts Council in a bid to secure up to £70,000 for the memorial but the organisation declined.

This brought dismay from campaigners wanting to commemorate the contribution of workers and the firm to Brierley Hill.

Mr Field, who works for Dudley Council, is still looking into possible ways forward including local firms sponsoring the memorial.

Former crane driver David Walters, aged 75, of Cradley, who spent 25 years working at the manufacturing giant, said: "I like the idea of the memorial and I hope they can do it."

A report is going before Brierley Hill area committee this week.

Access to council is linked to Facebook

PEOPLE in Dudley can now report issues and request information from the council on Facebook.

Dudley Council's Looking Local digital TV site, which helps people to report issues at the touch of a button, has now been uploaded to the borough's Facebook page.

It means people discussing borough news on the Facebook site can also access the digi-TV site.

The site includes all the latest council news, events and jobs and allows people to report litter, missed bin collections, potholes, vandalism and other concerns.

As well as the link from Facebook, the digi-TV site can also be accessed 24-7 through the television or internet.

It is available to anyone with internet access, Sky and Virgin Media TV packages, internet enabled mobile phones and Wii games console.

Anniversary fun at vets

A HALESOWEN vets practice will hold a charity fun day on July 21 to mark its 5th anniversary.

Vets4Pets will host the event from 1pm. There will be fun, games and competitions throughout the afternoon. Staff are appealing for donations suitable for a tombola and its cake stalls.

All money raised will be split between Halesowen Cats Protection League, Hall Green Retired Greyhound Trust and Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue. For information call 0121 550 9909.

Father is kicking off clean up campaign

Councillor Hilary Bills and campaign leader Ken McAuley launch the new Hurst Green litter clean-up campaign at The Stag and Three Horseshoes

A CRUSADING father-of-two has kickstarted a campaign to clean up streets in Halesowen – and is enlisting the support of the community and traders to help.

Ken McAuley, aged 41, said he had grew tried of litter and waste lying around near shops and pavements at the top of Mucklow Hill.

The father-of-two signed up to the Keep Britain Tidy campaign called Love Where You Live which helps promote clean neighbourhoods.

Officials have sent him clean-up kits and he has been joined by his children Niamh, aged 11, and six-year-old Roisin for litter picks. Business owners including local shop keepers, ward Councillor Hilary Bills and managers from the nearby Stag and Three Horses pub have also signed up.

"If people take more pride in the area and maybe just clean up outside their own business or home then it could help reduce anti-social behaviour and crime," said Mr McAuley who lives in the town.

To get involved email either kennethmcauley@mac.com or cllr.hilary.bills@dudley.gov.uk or call 0121 422 2752.

Chance to have a say on health

PEOPLE are wanted to help shape an independent health and social care watchdog for Dudley borough.

Residents, groups and voluntary organisations are invited to take part in The Healthy Debate, on July 5.

The forum will give people the chance to say how they think the council, local NHS bodies and community groups should develop a joint health plan for the area. It will be used to form a local health and social care watchdog. The event will be at The Venue Function Rooms in Dudley town centre on July 5 from 3pm to 9pm. Call 01384 816955.

Five-a-side challenge for charity

A CHARITY five-a-side football tournament to raise cash for a Dudley hospice will be staged next month.

Dan Malin, of Stourbridge, will hold the competition at Powerleague, in Park Road, Halesowen, on July 29 from 9.30am.

Money raised will go to Mary Stevens Hospice.

Mr Malin said: "It was so reassuring for me and my family to know that, during some of the darkest days in our lives, our loved one was being cared for by some of the most incredible people I have ever been fortunate enough to meet."

To register a team for the tournament, call Mr Malin on 07800 920629.

Congestion plans

PLANS for the latest phase of a multi-million traffic busting scheme to ease congestion and boost trade in Brierley Hill High Street have been unveiled. New parking bays and loading bays will be installed.

They form part of a wider £27 million government-backed scheme approved almost six years ago. But they were delayed for council officials to source more cash for regeneration. This wider scheme included the high street bypass road known as Venture Way and the Waterfront Way link opened back in 2008.

But Dudley Council has been forced to kick-start this final stage incorporating parking and loading zones in High Street. The proposals reveal plans to have two bays on each side between junctions of Moor Street and Level Street.

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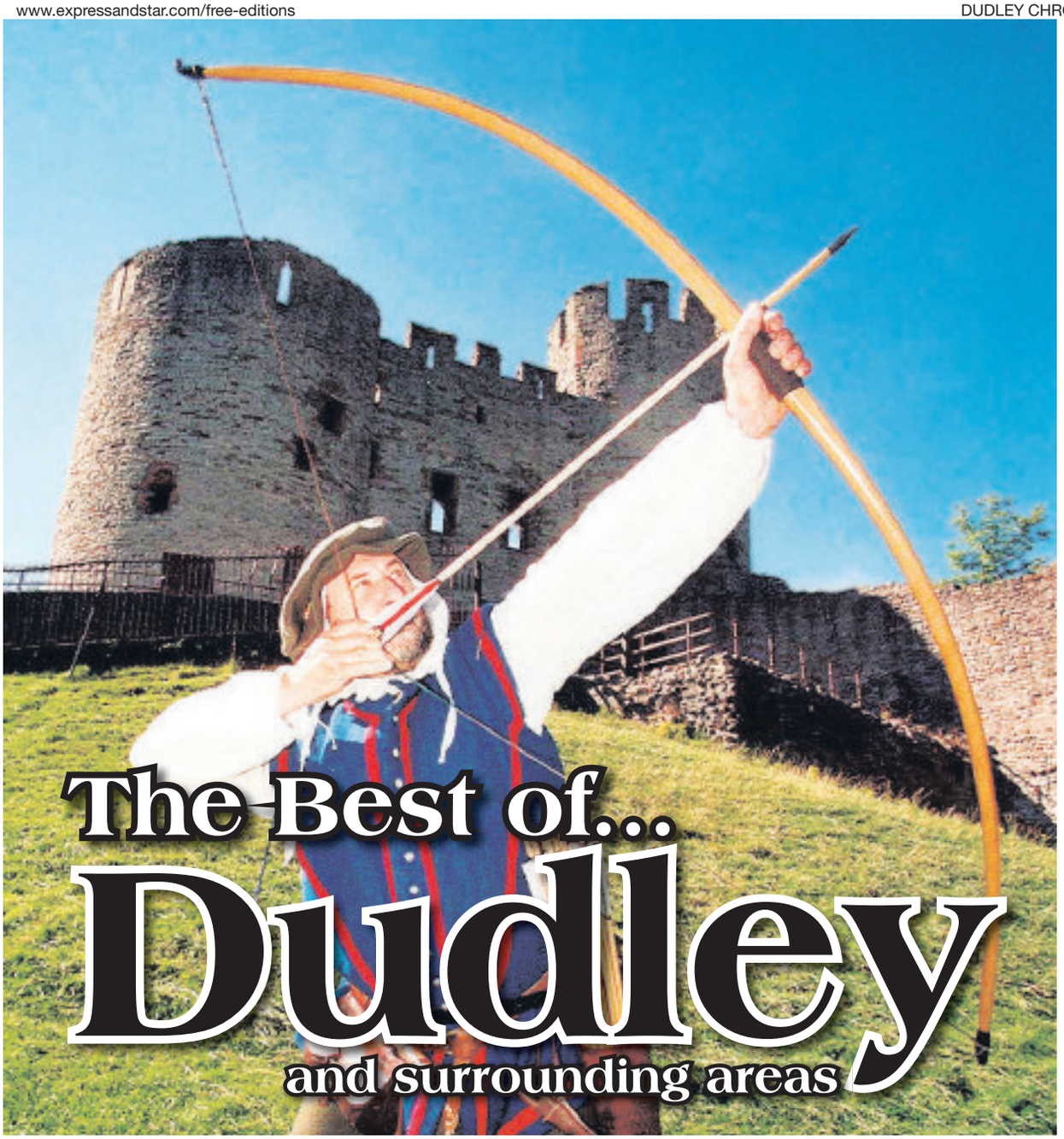

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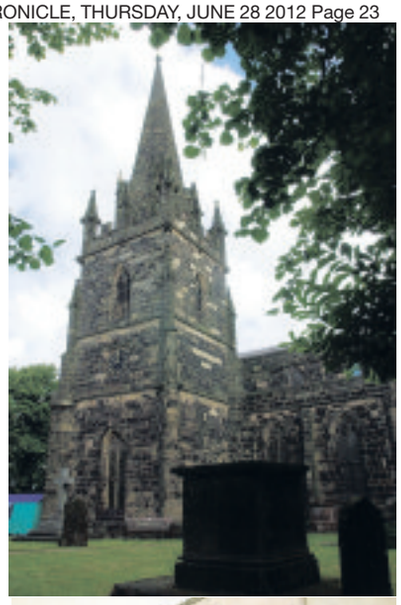

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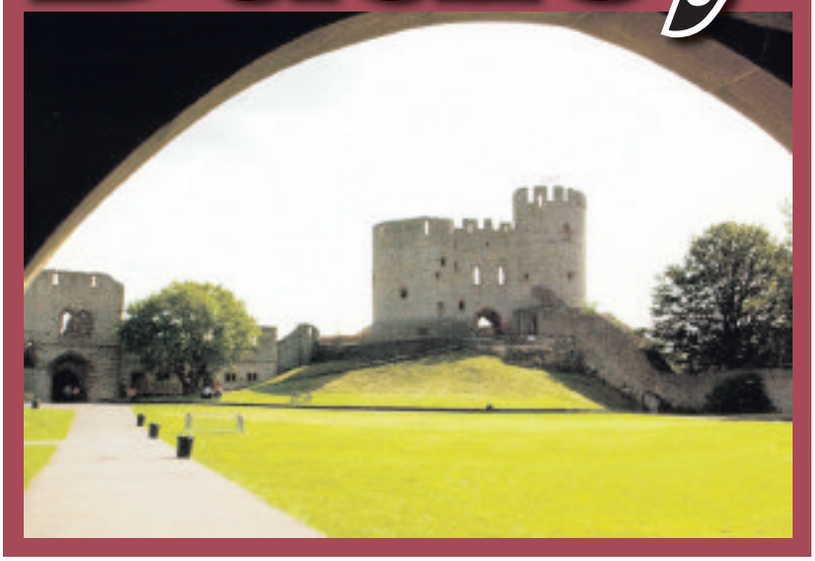

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Smiling confidently, the 76-year-old is happy to face the camera, but until recently "not even my husband could take my picture," she says.

A mysterious childhood accident, of which she has no recollection, left her with a "lopsided smile" and subsequent adult issues with her teeth added to the problem.

Not least was a memorable incident which resulted in one of her front teeth being broken in two.

The shorthand secretary/PA was persuaded by a work colleague to ask her dentist for denture. "What a mistake," she says. "I wish I had never had a denture because that's when my troubles began."

Joyce's dentist didn't offer another option – "but it was a long time ago," she recalls.

The natural ageing process was unkind to Joyce too. She was diagnosed with osteoporosis and it affected the bone density in her jaw and gradually her teeth became mobile.

"My teeth were loose, I had sores from my denture plate and my twisted smile made me feel uncomfortable and embarrassed.

"Over the years I have spent a fortune on dentures, but none of them helped me. There was no long-term solution.

"I couldn't eat properly, food would get trapped under the lower denture all the time and I was afraid to cough and afraid to laugh in case the denture came out."

Joyce was resigned to "going through life without a normal smile."

She adds: "I was convinced I had a plate in my lower jaw and it was only recently when I had dental X-rays I knew I hadn't."

A feature in her local weekly newspaper highlighting the work of denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) proved a turning point.

Fortunate

Mr Burchell of the Denture Clinic, which is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenall Road, Wolverhampton and in North Street, Dudley, said: "Although Joyce had lost her teeth, she was fortunate enough to have enough bone density to sustain two lower jaw implants to secure an implant-retained denture. It was the best clinical route to be sure of dealing with her long-standing stabilisation issues."

She was referred to Parkdale implantologist and principal Jonathon Pugh, BDS MSc, who carried out the surgery. Joyce adds: "I never dreamed the process could cure my twisted smile – but it has.

"My smile is now totally normal and I can eat whatever I want.

"Before, I would have to choose something soft off the menu. I use to long for a steak and to bite into an apple. Now it's no problem at all."

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Games date for students

YOUNGSTERS about to start at Halesowen College will stay at Eton College and see Olympic football and table tennis.

Students joining in September will see two games at Wembley, including a GB match, and the men's table tennis in July. They will have two days in London during and stay at Eton College or Surrey University.

The Halesowen Foundation, a charity supporting learners in the town, chose them. Mary Grinham, of the foundation, said: "This is really a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Payback time for crime

A MAN who was caught with parts of a metal gate from a BMX track in Dudley could return to the site to work as part of his punishment after probation officials said they would consider the option.

Mark Davies, 50, was ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work by magistrates after admitting handling stolen goods from Dudley Wood BMX Park. Since the conviction, probation officials have answered calls from the community to assess if he can do the required work at the site.

Staff at Saltwells Youth Club, which manages the BMX site, said they want Davies to see the impact of the stolen gate on the club and members. Staffordshire and West Midland Probation spokesman Gavin Pearce said an assessment was to start along with discussions with Dudley Councillor Jackie Cowell.

He said: "As with any potential work project, we have to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the BMX site to see what type of work is required and to see if it can be done by offenders, while supervised by probation staff."

Helping

The move has been welcomed by Saltwells Youth Club, which has 10 volunteers helping on Monday nights and during school holidays.

Secretary Lisa Graham said: "Any help we can get, we'll take it.

"Not only would we benefit, but it would also show the man the impact of the crime and make him think again."

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how Davies, of Birbeck Place, Pensnett, was stopped by police after a resident saw him acting suspiciously around the entrance to the park at about 8pm on May 23.

Officers checked his van and found gate hinges before discovering the 3ft high gate in a nearby hedge.

As well as the requirement to carry out unpaid work, he was ordered to pay £85 court costs.

The gate, which cost £3,500, was never returned to the BMX park, which is now unprotected from motorists entering the site.

Police send keep out the burglars plea to homes

PEOPLE in Worcestershire are being urged by police to remember the "Knock Knock" message after a spate of bogus officials calling at local homes.

There have been two recent burglaries in which thieves have distracted householders after calling at their homes and several reports of bogus officials in Worcester, Evesham and Droitwich over the last two weeks.

West Mercia Police is issuing a "cut out and keep" door poster as part of its "Knock Knock" campaign to raise awareness of and prevent distraction burglaries.

Crime risk advisor for Worcestershire Mike Stephenson said: "Research shows that, sadly, the average age of those targeted by distraction burglars is 78 and more than three quarters targeted are women.

"Local communities, carers and neighbours can play an important role in helping us prevent these crimes and catch those responsible for them.

"As we've seen recently, criminals often claim to be from a utility company – the 'water board' usually – and may be smartly dressed or in work clothes.

"They will then give the homeowner a task to do and while distracted, take money and any valuable items they can find.

"I would urge people to cut out this poster and stick it in their window, or that of any vulnerable members of the community who it may be of use to."

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Carers' centre gets the finishing touches

From left, co-ordinator Loraine Stockton, director Rachael Gardener, people and development co-ordinator Tina Cartwright, and chief executive Marc Carter

The main hall of the new Insight Carers Centre, in Pearson Street, Brierley Hill

THE FINISHING touches are being made to a former labour club in Brierley Hill which is being transformed into a centre supporting carers.

Insight for Carers moved into the building, in Pearson Street, Brierley Hill, earlier this year.

Volunteers and group members have been busy with paintbrush and hammer remodelling the club as a community cafe and conference and advice centre. Works are ongoing, with the cafe and kitchen due to be up and running within days.

Manufacturer Howdens, which has bases across the Black Country, stepped in to donate one of its kitchens for the project. Other meeting rooms for staff to use and a conferencing suite should be completed later this year to finish the makeover.

Project co-ordinator Loraine Stockton said: "It has taken a lot of work but we are excited with how it is coming along now." The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, and Dudley North MP Ian Austin helped the group launch the first stage of the revamp recently.

Go-ahead for safety work to cut crashes

SAFETY work costing £700,000 on roads in Dudley that have seen more than 100 crashes in recent years are set to go ahead. The measures include new road surfacing, roundabouts, crossings and markings in a bid to cut accidents.

They have been approved by Dudley Council and will be part of the highways schedule this year. Locations include Dudley's busy Scotts Green Island and the Southern Bypass. There were 118 accidents between November 2008 and November 2011 at 13 sites where work will be carried out. Improvements will also be made outside 10 schools where there have been 16 crashes in the past three years.

A council report said there were 23 accidents during the three years at the Scotts Green Island. New markings will be painted to make the lanes clearer.

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Ben Wishaw

The Hollow Crown – Richard II
BBC2, 9pm
The BBC continues its Shakespeare season by bringing us four star-studded adaptations of the Bard's best-loved loved history plays, grouped under the title "The Hollow Crown". If you think that title was chosen to make them sound a bit more like Game of Thrones, you could be on to something. But as these new films will show, Shakespeare's plays certainly have enough intrigue and action to compete with the cult US drama. They chart the rise and fall of three kings who helped to shape Britain, beginning with Richard II (Ben Whishaw).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Wimbledon 2012.
6.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark. (1981) Indiana Jones goes in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford and Karen Allen.
8.20 Live the National Lottery: Secret Fortune. New series. Nick Knowles returns with the tense quiz show, giving two sisters the opportunity to win £100,000. Jenni Falconer presents the all-important draws.
9.10 Casualty. Sam's return to Afghanistan is jeopardised when an army colleague asks her to lie for him, while new nurse Fletch (Alex Walkinshaw) fails to make a favourable impression on Lloyd.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot announces his choice of best man for the wedding. (R)
10.50 Live at the Apollo. Jack Whitehall hosts the stand-up show. Last in the series; (R) National Lottery Update.
11.35 Film: Red Eye. (2005) A hotelier on a flight to Miami realises a passenger she has befriended is intent on involving her in a political assassination. Thriller, with Rachel McAdams.
12.50 Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.30** Wimbledon 2012. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the opening matches on day six at the All England Club, where the third-round singles draws are scheduled to continue. **3.55** Escape to the Country. **4.40** Flog It! (R) **5.40** Dad's Army. (R)
6.10 Wimbledon 2012. Sue Barker introduces further live coverage of day six at the All England Club, where the third-round singles matches are scheduled to conclude. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
8.00 Today at Wimbledon. John Inverdale and guests look back at the key moments from day six at the All England Club, focusing on the scheduled conclusion of the men's and ladies' third-round singles.
9.00 The Hollow Crown: Richard II. New series. King Richard banishes his cousin Henry Bolingbroke from the realm – so his relative vows revenge. First of four Shakespeare adaptations, starring Ben Whishaw.
11.20 Derek Jacobi on Richard II. Derek Jacobi discusses Richard II, including his performance in the title role in 1978, and investigates theories that it may not have been written by Shakespeare after all.
12.20 TOTP2. Radio 2 DJ Mark Radcliffe continues his trawl through the archives, unearthing clips of Mott the Hoople, Terry Wogan, the Spice Girls, Blondie and the Smiths. (R) **1.20 Film:** Nina's Heavenly Delights. (2006) Romantic comedy drama, with Shelley Conn and Laura Fraser. **2.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30 Film:** Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy. (1982) **2.20 Film:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service. (1969) **5.00** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.10** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)
6.00 Primeval. The team accidentally sends a raptor to Victorian London and Matt tracks it down, only to find Emily trying to do the same thing. Abby hatches a plan to infiltrate Connor's lab.
7.00 You Cannot Be Serious! Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.
7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007) The wizard unites his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle the resurrected Lord Voldemort. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Gary Oldman.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 Mad Mad World. New series. Comedy quiz, hosted by Paddy McGuinness.
11.00 Take Me Out. A stockbroker, a teacher, a company manager and a pest controller try to impress 30 single women, and the previous edition's couples go on their dates. (R)
12.10 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** British F3. **7.25** The Grid. **7.50** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer". (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: 10 Years on the Beach. **9.30** T4: The Amazing Spider-Man: T4 Movie Special. **10.00** T4: Love Shaft. **10.40** T4: Revenge. **11.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "Lone Rider". (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal. **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)
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7.10 Channel 4 News.
7.40 4thought.tv.
7.45 Film: Iron Man. (2008) An arms manufacturer invents a hi-tech suit of armour and uses it in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr and Jeff Bridges..
10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
11.40 Film: Before the Devil Knows You're Dead. (2007) Premiere. Two brothers conspire to rob their parents' jewellery store. Crime thriller, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman.
1.45 How to Cope with Death. (R) **1.50** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.35** Comedy Lab: Totally Tom. (R) **3.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **4.25** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius 'One Giant Leap'. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Big Body Squad. (R) **11.00** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.00 Film:** Torpedo Run. (1958) **2.50 Film:** Cave of Outlaws. (1951) **4.25 Film:** Rio Bravo. (1959)
7.15 5 News Weekend.
7.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to protect one of his dead daughter's friends, who is being stalked by an Iraq war veteran – but DiNozzo fears he is allowing personal feelings to cloud his judgement. (R)
8.10 NCIS. An investigation into the death of a seaman leaves the investigators wondering whether Gibbs is about to leave NCIS again, and Ziva introduces her new boyfriend to her team-mates. (R)
9.00 Big Brother. Marcus Bentley provides his familiar voiceover as the housemates survive another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, and the reactions of the other nominees relieved that it was not them.
10.00 Film: Hostel: Part II. (2007) Three American girls are kidnapped in Slovakia and sold to rich men who indulge in violent fantasies. Horror sequel, with Lauren German.
11.50 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show, with location reports, showbusiness news and views from behind the scenes in Tinseltown.
12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00 Film:** Poseidon (2006) **10.30** Live at the Electric **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Blue Planet **8.00** Illuminations: The Private Lives of Medieval Kings **9.00** Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris **10.45** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.20** Sinatra Sings
ITV2
2.30 America's Got Talent **5.20 Film:** Garfield (2004) **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Kids and Pets Unleashed **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: All Singing All Dancing **9.00 Film:** The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) **11.20** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights
ITV3
6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.05 Film:** Dave (1993)
ITV4
2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France **5.00** The Professionals **6.00** 20 Goals That Shook the World **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France Highlights **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Eurogeddon: Why England Shouldn't Win Euro 2012 **10.00 Film:** Mad Max 2 (1981)
E4
3.00 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00 Film:** Joy Ride (2001) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
3.20 Carry On Nurse (1959) **5.05** Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) **6.55** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** Dorian Gray (2009) **11.10** The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2009)

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SUNDAY'S TV 1.07.12

CHOICE

Gary Lineker

Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012 Final
BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev, where the winners of the 14th European Championship will be crowned. After 23 days of competition, consisting of 30 matches, just two teams remain from the 16 that had aspirations of not only competing in the conclusion to the tournament held in Poland and Ukraine, but of triumphing in it. History points to this match being a close encounter, with only one final having been settled by more than a two-goal margin.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.40** Super Smart Animals. (R) **3.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **4.40** Points of View. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. The team heads to the Isle of Man, where John Craven rides a vintage motorbike around the TT course and Julia Bradbury tries to catch a glimpse of a basking shark.

7.00 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012 Final. Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev (Kick-off 7.45pm), where the winners of the 14th European Championship will be crowned. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.40 John Bishop's Britain. The Liverpudlian comic talks about British cuisine, featuring stand-up and sketches. MasterChef's John Torode and Gregg Wallace also share their views. (R)

11.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Nick Hewer, Carol Vorderman and Rhod Gilbert.

12.05 The Sky at Night. **12.45** Weatherview. **12.50** Sign Zone: Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** The Great British Countryside. (R) **3.50** Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. (R) **4.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Live Athletics: European Championships.

6.00 Oceans. The team explores the southern part of the Red Sea, investigating whether the coral there could provide answers to the threats facing other reefs around the world. (R)

7.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet. Chris Packham investigates the ecosystem of North America's temperate forests, examining how it rebuilds itself in spring after harsh winters.

8.00 Film: The Boys Are Back. (2009) Premiere. A widowed sports writer trying to look after his two sons opts for an unusual child-rearing philosophy – say yes to everything. Drama, with Clive Owen and Laura Fraser.

9.40 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. The comedienne hosts TV-based stand-up and chat, starting with wildlife and dating shows, and is joined by naturalist Chris Packham and relationship expert Tracey Cox. (R)

10.10 Mock the Week. With Marcus Brigstocke, Gary Delaney and Zoe Lyons. (R)

10.40 Line of Duty. A detective sergeant working in anti-corruption is assigned to investigate a respected senior officer. Thriller, with Lennie James and Vicky McClure. (R)

11.40 Episodes. Matt upsets his fierce ex-wife. (R)

12.10 Film: For the Moment. (1993) **2.10** BBC News. **4.20** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** House Gift. (R) **10.20** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.25 Film:** Columbo: Lady in Waiting. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Leslie Nielsen. **3.00** Prince Charles: The Royal Restoration. (R) **4.00** Doc Martin. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Camcorder calamities, including footage of a bike that doubles as a swing, sibling rivalry and a man taking on a big spider. (R)

7.00 Euro 2012 Final Live. Coverage of the showpiece match at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev (Kick-off 7.45pm), where the two remaining teams compete to become the 14th winners of the European Championship. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 Film: The Boat That Rocked. (2009) Richard Curtis's comedy, with Bill Nighy and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

12.55 The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. James Haydon presents action from both races at Knockhill in Fife, where the fifth round of the season was scheduled to take place. Commentary by Jack Burnicle and James Whitham. **3.50** Motorsport UK. Action from Thruxton, Hampshire. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2012. **7.00** Triathlon. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.25** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** T4 on the Beach. **5.15** The Simpsons. (R) **5.45** Channel 4 News.

6.15 4thought.tv.

6.20 Film: Bride Wars. (2008) Two lifelong best friends become bitter rivals when their weddings are scheduled to take place on the same day and at the same venue. Comedy, with Kate Hudson.

8.00 Come Dine with Me. Former Miss Rugby Jade Hollis, film and TV extra Susan Gillis, recruitment boss Lee Bunting and academic Alan James compete for the £1,000 prize in Warwickshire.

9.00 Film: The Ugly Truth. (2009) Premiere. A single TV producer is appalled when a chauvinistic presenter is hired for her morning news show. However, she is forced to seek his help when she meets the man of her dreams, and begins testing his theories on what men find attractive. Romantic comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Katherine Heigl.

10.50 Film: Lucky Number Slevin. (2006) Crime thriller, starring Josh Hartnett.

1.00 Camelot. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **1.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.00** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson 'Lone Rider'. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** Funky Town. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. (R) **10.05** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.35** The Restaurant Inspector. **11.35** Big Brother. (R) **12.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35 Film:** Wimbledon. (2004) **3.20 Film:** Stuart Little 2. (2002) **4.50 Film:** What a Girl Wants. (2003)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second one-dayer in the five-match series, as the teams faced each other at the Oval for the first time since 2010.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. The origin of the eight dwarves is revealed.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: 3:10 to Yuma. (2007) Western remake, starring Russell Crowe.

12.20 True Grit: The True Story. (R) **1.20** SuperCasino. **4.00** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30 Film:** The Proposal (2009) **9.15** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: Between the Lines – Railways in Fiction and Film **8.00** African Railway **9.00** India's Hospital Train – Lifeline Express **10.00** Madness on Wheels: Rallying's Craziest Years **11.00** Great Lives – Victor Spinetti **11.30** Behind the Scenes at the Museum

ITV2
3.40 Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) **5.15** The Nation's Favourite Abba Song **6.50 Film:** Mamma Mia! (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights **11.00 Film:** You, Me and Dupree (2006)

ITV3
3.35 Inspector Morse **5.50** Lewis **10.00** Wire in the Blood

ITV4
2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage one from Liege to Seraing. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **4.55** The Professionals **5.55** Tommy Cooper **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Minder **9.00** River Monsters **10.00 Film:** Driven to Kill (2009)

E4
3.20 Glee **4.15** Rules of Engagement **5.10** The Big Bang Theory **6.05** Revenge **7.00 Film:** Nacho Libre (2006) **9.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.55** 50 Greatest Wedding Shockers

FilM4
2.55 The Ladykillers (1955) **4.50** One Fine Day (1996) **7.00** Clueless (1995) **8.50** The Amazing Spider-Man Interview Special **9.00** Mr & Mrs Smith (2005) **11.20** AVP: Alien vs Predator (2004)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Doorstep Crime 999; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Wimbledon 2012. Live coverage of the fourth-round singles matches. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Food Factory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Call Centres Undercover: Panorama. **9.00** Blackout. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits. (R) **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.20** Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Antiques Uncovered. (R) **1.25** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **1.55** Fake Britain. (R) **2.40** Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. (R) **3.10** Crime and Punishment. (R) **3.55** Great British Menu. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.00** Daily Politics. **11.30** Wimbledon 2012. Live coverage of the men's and women's singles fourth round. **3.25** CBBC. **5.50** Wimbledon 2012. Further live coverage from the All England Club. **8.00** Today at Wimbledon. **9.00** 7/7: One Day in London. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Secrets of Our Living Planet. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **8.00** Love Your Garden. A large family in the Brecon Beacons receives a garden makeover. **9.00** Bomber Command. John Sergeant pays tribute to the aircrews of RAF Bomber Command. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Passenger 57. (1992) Action thriller, with Wesley Snipes. **12.15** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Loose Women. (R) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "One Giant Leap". (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Canada. **10.00** Four Rooms. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **12.35** Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **12.40** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.55** Film: The Password Is Courage. (1962) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Four in a Bed. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – Hannah Cockroft Part III. **8.00** Cashing in on the Games: Channel 4 Dispatches. **8.30** Jamie's Summer Food Rave Up. **9.00** Undercover Boss. **10.00** Daredevils: Life on the Edge. **11.05** Random Acts. (R) **11.10** Coming Up. **11.40** 4thought.tv. **11.45** The Shooting Gallery: Adrenaline Rush'. **12.50** The Good Wife. **1.35** The Big C. **2.00** Film: Wicker Park. (2004) Mystery, starring Josh Hartnett. **4.00** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.40** Glamour Puds. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Big Brother. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.15** Film: NYC: Tornado Terror. (2008) Disaster thriller, starring Nicole de Boer. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Emergency Bikers; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Big Brother. **10.00** The Walking Dead. **11.00** Big Brother's Bit on the Side. **12.00** The Baby with a New Face: Extraordinary People. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Doorstep Crime 999; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Wimbledon 2012. The women's singles quarter-finals. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Turn Back Time – The Family. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Imagine. **12.05** Film: Infamous. (2006) Biographical drama, starring Toby Jones. **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** Sign Zone: The Fish Market: Inside Billingsgate. (R) **3.10** A Picture of London. (R) **4.10** Great British Menu. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.00** Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2012. **11.30** Daily Politics. **12.00** Wimbledon 2012. Live coverage of the women's singles quarter-finals. **3.25** CBBC. **5.50** Wimbledon 2012. Live coverage of the eighth day's play. **8.00** Today at Wimbledon. **9.00** Line of Duty. **10.00** QI. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Secret History of Our Streets. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **8.00** Love Your Garden. A large family in the Brecon Beacons receives a garden makeover. **9.00** Bomber Command. John Sergeant pays tribute to the aircrews of RAF Bomber Command. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Passenger 57. (1992) Action thriller, with Wesley Snipes. **12.15** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Loose Women. (R) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **12.55** Wimbledon 2012. The men's singles quarter-finals. **3.25** CBBC. **5.50** Wimbledon 2012. Further live coverage of the men's singles quarter-finals. **8.00** Today at Wimbledon. **9.00** The Secret History of Our Streets. **10.00** The Culture Show. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** 7/7: One Day in London. (R) **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Canada. **10.00** Four Rooms. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **12.35** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – Will Bayley Part III. (R) **12.40** How to Cook Like Heston. (R) **1.10** Film: The Thirty-Nine Steps. (1978) Thriller, starring Robert Powell. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Four in a Bed. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – David Smith Part III. **8.00** River Cottage: Three Go Mad. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** A Short History of Everything Else. **10.30** The Killing. **11.30** Random Acts. **11.35** 2 Broke Girls. **12.00** 4thought. tv. **12.05** Music on 4: Spotlight: Ones to Watch. (R) **12.20** Music on 4: Gignics. **12.35** Music on 4: Lovebox Festival 2012. **1.00** Music on 4: 4Play: Luke Bingham. **1.10** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **1.25** Film: Teenage Paparazzo. (2010) Documentary about a 14-year-old photographer. **3.00** Southland. **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

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Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Crimewatch Roadshow. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Real Rescues. **11.45** Doorstep Crime 999; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Wimbledon 2012. The women's singles semi-finals. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Traffic Cops. **9.00** When I Get Older. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week. **12.20** Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Call Centres Undercover: Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Crime and Punishment. (R) **3.40** Great British Menu. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **12.00** Animal Park. (R) **12.30** Wimbledon 2012. The women's singles semi-finals. **3.25** CBBC. **5.50** Wimbledon 2012. Further live coverage from the All England Club. **8.00** Today at Wimbledon. **9.00** Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2012. **10.00** Mock the Week. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank. (R) **12.20** The Culture Show. (R) **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Friday

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 P	2 Z	3 I	4 L	5 M	6 G	7 B	8 F	9 U	10 A	11 D	12 Y	13 Q
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They may go from one side to the other (9)
8. A somewhat mysterious sea-port (3)
9. Don't let the others inherit - I'll see to it! (5,2,2,2)
11. Transform it I can't - it's so big! (7)
12. Catch the girl with a ring (5)
13. The doctor got up looking gloomy (6)
15. Assumes as one's own? (6)
17. It is in the tax (5)
18. Grooms - Indian fashion? (7)
20. Bad mixers (3,3,5)
22. She's not allowed in bed! (3)
23. A ruinous craft (9)

Down

2. You have one week in which to find the animal (3)
3. New - to ocean travel? (5)
4. Discover the cad perhaps (6)
5. Oil ran about and caused damage (7)
6. Peer at a sign put around in the actor's dressing room (11)
7. They come out of their shells when born but can go back in them when disturbed (9)
10. Neat tailors may make them, of course (11)
11. When it is, the creditor may not allow it! (4,2,3)
14. Shot at you, as peas might be (7)
16. They're just part of the act (6)
19. He has to exert some pull to make headway (5)
21. As before, it's used in poetry (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Agreement (9)
8. In the past (3)
9. Subterranean (11)
11. Wise (7)
12. Muse of lyric poetry (5)
13. Globe (6)
15. Account book (6)
17. Deathly pale (5)
18. Save (7)
20. Lectern (7,4)
22. Ovum (3)
23. N. Sea-Baltic waterway (4,5)

Down

2. Possess (3)
3. Weird (5)
4. Elf (6)
5. Compress (7)
6. Swear words (3,8)
7. Assembly (9)
10. Anti-submarine bomb (5,6)
11. Kept up (9)
14. Plunder (7)
16. Strive for high things (6)
19. Reasoning (5)
21. Health resort (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Really; 8 Ironed; 10 Magneto; 11 Villa; 12 Urns; 13 Paste; 17 Chill; 18 Peri; 22 Ruler; 23 Scoring; 24 Equals; 25 Revere. Down: 1 Grampus; 2 Hanging; 3 Elder; 4 Gravity; 5 Knelt; 6 Ideas; 9 Total loss; 14 Chortle; 15 Decider; 16 Singlet; 19 Cried; 20 Flour; 21 Novel. QUICK - Across: 7 Equine; 8 Bother; 10 Umbrage; 11 False; 12 Sole; 13 Quest; 17 Guide; 18 Jeer; 22 Anger; 23 Newness; 24 Tender; 25 Action. Down: 1 Request; 2 Quibble; 3 Sneak; 4 Confess; 5 While; 6 Brief; 9 Redundant; 14 Quarrel; 15 Demerit; 16 Present; 19 Earth; 20 Agony; 21 Twice.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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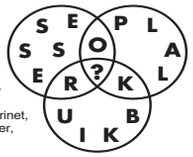
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Clarinet, piccolo, recorder, all woodwind instruments.

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Families looking for spacious homes have snapped up three-storey properties at The Bridles

Three storey homes are proving popular

LEADING housebuilder Barratt West Midlands is inviting local homebuyers in Bloxwich to take a look at The Bridles development, focused on three storey living.

Lisa Preston, sales manager for Barratt West Midlands commented, "We're looking forward to welcoming visitors to The Bridles.

"The three storey homes are some of our most popular designs and are ideal for families who are in need of additional space.

"The properties benefit from modern kitchens, spacious lounges, rear gardens and most of them also have a garage.

"Three storey homes are perfect for anyone looking for a dream home to provide more space for their growing family and our sales team at The Bridles will be happy to show people around houses.

"We suggest anyone interested in buying a new home in Bloxwich or any families looking for more space should go and visit to find out how easy it could be to move to a new more spacious Barratt home."

Amenities

Ideally situated to Bloxwich town centre and all the local amenities, The Bridles also benefits from easy access to King George playingfields close by, so residents can really enjoy the best of both worlds.

The Bridles is the perfect place to live for those who want a brand new lifestyle and convenience. Prices for the three- and four-bedroom houses start from £185,950.

For more information contact the sales centre on (01922) 497 516, daily from 10am to 5pm. Or call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 seven days a week from 8am to 9pm, alternatively go online to the website at www.barratthomes.co.uk/the bridles

Barratt West Midlands has been confirmed as meriting the maximum five star official rating from the Home Builders Federation (HBF) for the third year in a row. That was announced after more than 20,000 new home buyers across the country took part in this year's HBF customer survey.

Three storey living is proving to be a popular choice

It's your quay to a happier future

THIS delightfully situated property offers ideal accommodation for a couple or single occupant.

Nestled away in the heart of the town centre in a private courtyard fronting the Staffs/Worcestershire canal it has wonderful views to the front from both the living room and master bedroom.

Parkes Quay is within less than five minutes walk from both the riverside and all High Street amenities, yet enjoys a private and sheltered position with private access for residents only.

On the market for £194,950, the property offers a single driveway parking space as well as integral garage, with a small patio foregarden providing enough space to sit with a glass of wine overlooking the waterfront on warm summer evenings.

Cloakroom

The accommodation within features gas fired central heating and double glazing, with the ground floor offering reception hall, guest cloakroom, door to garage and study or third bedroom with double doors out to rear patio.

The first floor provides a spacious lounge with walk in bay window to front overlooking the canalside whilst the rear is a breakfast kitchen with fitted oven and hob.

The master bedroom on the second floor also has a large walk in bay window with views overlooking the waterside and also has the benefit of an en suite shower room. The second floor also includes a second bedroom and principal bathroom.

The property is offered for sale with the benefit of vacant possession upon completion and no upward chain. Tenure is freehold though an annual service charge of £300 is payable to the residents own management company, Parkes Quay Management Services Ltd, in respect of the maintenance and upkeep of common parts. A limited number of moorings exist in the immediate vicinity of Parkes Quay, enquiries about which may be directed to British Waterways. Stourport is a thriving riverside town with plans having recently been announced for a new 400 berth marina in the town.

This property will be of obvious interest to the boating fraternity and other leisure users. Contact Allan Morris and Co on 01299 825522 or 01562 747755 for more details.

Parkes Quay is on the market for offers based on £194,950 via Allan Morris and Co

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GORNAL
BANK ROAD

★ Brand new semi
★ Adjacent village
★ Hall, Cloakroom
★ Lounge, Luxury kitchen
★ Integrated appliances
★ Three bedrooms
★ En suite shower room
★ Bathroom
★ Gas c/htg, double glazed
ONE ONLY REMAINING £149,500

GORNAL
WATER

★ Dormer bungalow
★ Detached, large plot
★ Reception hall
★ Lounge, Dining room
★ Luxury breakfast kitchen
★ Four bedrooms, bathroom
★ Shower room
★ Gas c/htg, Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £199,950

UPPER GORNAL
QUARRY BROW

★ Semi-detached ★ Corner plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Ground floor cloaks
★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Parking
★ Side and rear gardens
★ Gas C/htng
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £89,950

UPPER GORNAL
HILARY CREST

★Apartment
★ Cul-de-sac postion
★ Purpose Built
★ First floor
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Kitchen
★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
★ Garden
OFFERS BASED ON £85,000

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- Detached character residence in a most desirable loaction
- Lounge •Conservatory
- large kitchen opening into 2nd reception
- Four bedrooms and Loft room
- Ensuite to bedroom three
- Modern bathroom with walk in shower
- Garage with driveway parking
- Pleasant rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £259,950

SWINDON

SWINFORGE WAY
- Reduced by over £25,000
- Four bed detached, village location
- Delightful canal side setting
- Lounge • Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Garage, driveway parking
- PART EX CONSIDERED

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £254.500

LOWER GORNAL

FOXLANDS DRIVE
- A beautifully presented extended detached property.
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Four bedrooms & nursery room/study
- Ensuite and modern family bathroom
- Landscaped rear gardens
- Garage and block paved driveway

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £220,000

COSELEY

IVY HOUSE LANE
- A superb traditional detached
- Enhance throughout, retaining some original features
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Luxuriously appointed bathroom
- Delightful rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £194,950

LOWER GORNAL

HUMPHREY STREET
- A traditional three bed detached • Two reception rooms
- Newly fitted kitchen • Utility
- New central heating system
- Double glazing
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Very pleasant private rear garden
- No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £184,950

LOWER GORNAL

ROBERT STREET
- Traditional style 3 bed detached
- Spacious extended accommodation
- Two recption rooms
- Breakfast kitchen • Utility
- Downstairs wc • Stores
- Garage • Attractive rear garden with panoramic views
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,950

COSELEY

LANGLEY AVENUE
- A generously proportioned three bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Guest cloakroom
- Rear garden with feature decked area
- Garage and driveway parking
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,950

LOWER GORNAL

WALLOWS WOOD
- A traditional 3 bed bay fronted semi
- Desirable location - open aspect to rear
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage with utility area
- Private rear gardens, sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK

FARRINGTON ROAD
- An extended traditional "Muklow "style
- Lounge and spacious dining room
- Kitchen. • Cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- New bathroom suite
- No upward Chain

OPEN VIEWING
SAT 7th JULY 10 - 12
SUN 8th JULY 2 - 4pm

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

COSELEY

HUNTSMAN CLOSE
- A generously propertioned 3 bed detached
- Built approx 10 years ago
- Lounge. • Modern dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Guest cloakroom
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Detached garage & parking for 2/3 cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,000

DUDLEY

THE BROADWAY
- An extended traditional style three bed semi
- Downstairs playroom/Bedroom 4
- Open plan Lounge/dining room
- Enlarged modern kitchen
- Utility area, downstairs wc
- Generous sized rear garden
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

DUDLEY

THE BROADWAY
- Refurbished 3 bed semi
- Generous sized lounge
- Open plan dining area
- Extended modern kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- New central heating system
- Private south facing rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £156,500

UPPER GORNAL

OLD PARK ROAD
- An extremely well presented semi
- Lounge • Sun room
- Breakfast kitchen • Guest wc
- Workshop • Loft room
- 3 bedrooms, 2 with fitted furniture
- Delighful rear garden with
- ENCLOSED SWIMMING POOL

NEW PRICE £149,950

WOODSETTON

PARKES HALL ROAD
- Traditional style three bed detached
- Enhanced throughout
- Two reception rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden with sunny aspect
- Garage & driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950

UPPER GORNAL

THE QUARTER, CLARENCE ST
- A recent build 'Cluster Home'
- Designed for first time buyers
- Open plan kitchen & living room
- Two bedrooms
- Guest cloakroom
- Modern bathroom
- Allocated parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

DURBERVILLE ROAD
- ideal property for a 1ST time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front.
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

COSELEY

GOLDBOROUGH CLOSE
- A modern3 BED semI
- Built approx 10 years ago,
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Modern Kitchen • Guest cloakroom
- Excellent size lounge with patio doors to private garden
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

REDUCED TO £114,950

COSELEY

CENTRAL DRIVE
- A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi
- Conveniently located for major road and rail links
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Upvc double glazed. • Gas central heating
- Modern fully tiled bathroom
- Good sized rear garden with outbuilding.
- Driveway parking for two cars.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £113,950

SEDGLEY

THE WYND
- A traditional style 4 bed mid terrace
- Walking distance to Sedgle Centre
- In need of updating
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Private rear garden
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

UPPER GORNAL

INHEDGE STREET
- Beautifully appointed mid -terrace cottage
- Two double bedrooms
- Excellent sized lounge
- Modern dining kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows.
- Utility room and store
- Low maintenace rear courtyard

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

SEDGLEY

NORTH ONE MEWS
- Stylish penthouse apartment
- Amazing views over Penn Common
- Lounge and dining area
- Bedroom with fitted wardobes
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Secure entry system
- Allocated parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

WOODCROSS, COSELEY

SHERWIN AVENUE
- Quiet cul-de-sac loaction
- Traditional style three bed semi.
- Refurbished throughout
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

OLD PARK FARM ESTATE, DUDLEY

ASH GREEN
- Excellent sized semi-detached
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs wc
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Pleasant large rear gardens
- Potential off road parking
- No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

COSELEY

GALBRAITH CLOSE
- A well maintained three bed semi-
- Pleasant location at head of quiet cul-de-sac
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Rear lobby , downstairs wc.
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Extensive rear gardens
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,500

COSELEY

VICARAGE ROAD
- Excellent sized 2 bed semi
- Cul-de-sac location
- Some cosmetic updating required
- Dining kitchen and lounge
- Two store rooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central Heating
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,500

DUDLEY

MEADOW ROAD
- Tradional style family home
- Excellent sized lounge
- 15' breakfast kitchen. • Store room
- Three bedrooms
- Modern bathroom, "P" shaped bath
- Sunny rear garden with feature decking
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £90,000

DUDLEY

RUSSELL STREET
- Conveniently situated for Dudley town centre
- A two bed mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms • Modern kitchen
- Modern upstairs bathroom
- Suitable for loft conversion (subject to planning consent)
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £79,950

PARKFIELDS

KENILWORTH CRESCENT
- Excellent sized ground floor flat
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern kitchen • Large lounge
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating system
- Rear garden & store
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £65,000

UPPER GORNAL

JOCKEY FIELDS
- !st floor flat with private entrance
- One double bedroom
- Store rooom
- Good sized lounge
- Gas central heating
- Available immediately

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SEDGLEY

BILSTON STREET
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- Close to Sedgley Centre
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- Electric Heating
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£189,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **SEDGLEY**

GORGE ROAD
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Dining Kitchen•Utility Room•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Enclosed Rear Garden•Driveway
£120,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **ROWLEY REGIS**

AMBELL CLOSE
•An Improved End Terraced•Three Bedrooms•Through Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Enclosed Parking To The Rear
£105,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **BRIERLEY HILL**

WALLOWS ROAD
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Graveled Front•Low Maintenace Rear Garden
£87,500 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE

BIRCH CRESCENT
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway
£105,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **TIVIDALE**

TRAFALGAR ROAD
•Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•No Chain
£95,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

REDUCED **TIPTON**

HURST LANE
•Three Bedroom Three Storey Townhouse •Two Bedrooms & Bathroom To 1st Floor •Lounge & Kitchen •Ground Floor Cloakroom •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Master Bedroom With En-Suite •Allocated Parking •No Upward Chain
£109,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

QUENTIN DRIVE
•A Much Improved Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Rear Lounge•Dining Room•Refitted Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Cul-De-Sac Location•Driveway
190,000 OIEO DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **NETHERTON**

HOCKLEY LANE
•Three Bedroom Detached Property•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•Driveway•No Chain
£169,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **DUDLEY**

SPRINGFIELD CRESCENT
•Extended Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Areas•Fitted Kitchen•Extended Utility Room•Conservatory•Drive•Double Glazing Where Stated•G as Central Heating System•Rear Garden Having Lawn & Decking
£134,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL

DEEPDALE LANE
•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Basement Level Having Bathroom & Bedroom 4/Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Elevated Views To Rear•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway•No Chain
£149,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **PENSNETT**

TANSEY GREEN ROAD
•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Attic Room•Two Reception Rooms•Extended Kitchen•Block Paved Driveway•Viewing Recommended
£134,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

SEDGLEY

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
•Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge/Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Breakfast Room•Utility Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bathroom•Driveway To The Rear Gained Via Courtesy Road•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Extensive Rear Garden•Viewing Recommended
£185,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **DUDLEY**

PRIORY ROAD
•Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Driveway
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NEW **TIPTON**

POWIS AVENUE
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DENBIGH CLOSE
Modern Three bedroom Semi Detached House on the edge of the popular Milking Bank area of Dudley. Comprising of Lounge with Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen and Family Bathroom. Benefiting from Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating, Driveway to Front and Rear Garden
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TO LET **DUDLEY**

HIGHFIELD COURT, HIGHFIELD ROAD
Modern ground floor apartment benefitting from gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted modern kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking space
£495 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

LILAC ROAD
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Having The Benefit Of Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Of Through Lounge, Kitchen And Bathroom Downstairs With Three Bedrooms And A Toilet Upstairs. Outside Drive And Rear Garden
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TO LET **DUDLEY**

THE BIRCHES
•Well Presented Apartment•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Allocated Parking
£595 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

GRENVILLE ROAD
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Abbotsford Drive Dudley — 235,000

A well presented three bedroom detached dormer bungalow briefly comprising entrance hall,through lounge,fitted kitchen, bedroom, conservatory, W.C. first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to rear. central heating and double glazing. Viewing highly recommended.

Huskison Close Tividale — 235,000

A four bedroom modern detached property comrising lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, four bedrooms, master ensuite, family bathroom, integral garage, off road parking, front, rear and side gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. Viewing recommended

View Drive Oakham — 224,950

A well presented four bedroom detached property in a cul-de-sac location comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs shower room. First floor having four bedrooms & bathroom, double glazing as specified, central heating, block paved driveway with electric gates, rear garden.

Thornleigh Lower Gornal — 199,950

A well presented detached property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, bedroom four/reception room two, downstairs wet room, kitchen, laundry room, conservatory, landing having three bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, garage.

Himley Road — 170,000

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, three reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having five bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain

Himley Road Gornal Wood — 169,950

A semi-detached property, accommodation comprises: entrance hallway, through lounge, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, first floor having 3 bedrooms and shower room, loft room, driveway, garage, rear garden, double glazing as specified, central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Oakham Crescent Oakham — 164,950

A four bedroom detached in cul-de-sac location, comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, third reception area, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, second floor having bedroom four, garden to the rear, off road parking, double glazing & central heating as specified.

Regent Road Tividale — 164,950

An immaculately presented refurbished detached property, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, dining area/kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, block paved driveway, garage, rear garden, double glazing as specified, central heating, alarmed. Viewing highly recommended

Chestnut Avenue — 149,950

A well presented extended semi detached property, comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garage, off road parking, rear garden, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Northfield Road Dudley — 149,950

A two bedroom detached bungalow accommodation comprising entrance hall, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, shower room, two bedrooms, gas central heating and double glazing where specified, rear garden, off road parking, no upward chain.

Peacock Close Tipton — 139,950

A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garage, off road parking, garden to the rear. Viewing highly recommended.

The Belper — 123,600

A modern detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, three bedrooms & bathroom, off road parking, garden. Cul-de-sac location.

Regent Road Tividale — 115,000

A well presented semi detached property comprising entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, stairs to first floor. The first floor has three bedrooms & a bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking, gas central heating & double glazing where specified. Viewing highly recommended.

Toll End Road Tipton — OIEO 105,000

A well presented mid terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Elm Green — 90,000

A three bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, kitchen, utility room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, central heating as specified. Property must be viewed.

Marigold Crescent Dudley — 94,950

A semi detached property accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc. The first floor having three bedrooms and a bathroom, off road parking, rear garden, double glazing and central heating where specified. Viewing highly recommended, no upward chain.

Anchor Drive — 69,950

A two bedroom apartment, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, allocated parking.

Warren Close Tipton — 47,950

A ground floor flat accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, one bedroom and a bathroom, garden to rear, gas central heating and double glazing where specified. Viewing highly recommended.

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ST. ANDREWS STREET

This spacious 3 Bedroomed "Abutted" Detached residence provides Victorian charm and character in this popular and convenient address and although requires upgrading and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Rear Utility, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom, Side Carport/Potential Garage and Pleasant Mature Rear Gardens

Offers around £139,950

PENSNETT
BRYCE ROAD

This attractively presented 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides well planned gas centrally heated and double glazed (part UPVC) accomodation ideal for the the first time buyer or young family and enjoys a pleasant position in this popular address. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accomodation includes :- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and Driveway to front.

Offers around £89,950

BRIERLEY HILL
DELPH ROAD

This tradtional 2 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the retired and is very conveniently positioned in this popular address. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation includes: Hall, Spacious Lounge, neat spacious fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned mature Rear Gardens and Block Paved Driveway to the Front.

Offers around £142,950

PENSNETT
CHELMAR DRIVE

This stylishly improved, extended 2 Bed Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated (warm air) and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation which should be of particular interest to the young family or those with disabled relatives. Briefly comprises:_ Hall, Spacious Lounge with Separate Dining Area, Attractively Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs Wet/Shower Room with W.C., 2 Double Bedrooms, Stylish Bathroom, Separate W.C., Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Long Lawned Front Garden with Driveway for 3/4 cars.

Offers around £100,000

BROCKMOOR
NEWTOWN

Enjoying a pleasant position in this popular address overlooking the grounds of the church, this delightfully presented Modern 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides well planned stylishly appointed accommodation with uPVC double glazing.Ideal for the discerning first time buyer and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation includes: Attractive Lounge, attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Low Maintenance Rear Garden and Gravelled Front Garden.

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QUARRY BANK
ANNE ROAD

Pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented, improved 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached Residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly includes: Reception Hall, attractive through Lounge with Dining area, neat fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Laundry/Utility, Garden/Sun Room, 2 Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower attachment, and Pleaseant Lawned Rear Gardens

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PENSNETT
BELL STREET

Pleasantly situated in this popular address convenient for Russells Hall Hospital this spacious 3 Bedroomed Semi-detached residence provides gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and although requiring certain upgrading provides tremendous further potential. With NO UPWARD CHAIN tha accomodation briefly comprises :- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Further Kitchen/Utility, 3 Good Bedrooms, Shower Room, enclosed Rear Garden with Garage (dated) and Rear Vehicular Access and Pleasant Front Garden

Offers around £89,950

BRIERLEY HILL
GORDON CRESCENT

Pleasantly situated on a "corner" plot just into this popular and convenient address, this 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accomodation available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, refiited Bathroom, 3 good Bedrooms, rear Garden and wider than average front garden.

Offers around £89,950

BRIERLEY HILL
WALLOWS ROAD

This attractively presented, stylishly improved 2 bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodationfor the discerning young family or First Time Buyer and briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge. Refitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, pleasant low maintenace Good Sized Rear Gardens and Gravelled Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £87,950

BROCKMOOR
CRESSETT LANE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this "Victorian" 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accomodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family and briefly comprises: Lounge, superb refitted Dining Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms (2nd leading to fitted Bathroom with shower), Useful Loft Room and shared rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.

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DUDLEY
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Kingsley Road

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KINGSWINFORD

Kingsley Road

BACKING ONTO WOODS within this highly desirable address, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout which has been extended to the full width and first floor, requiring some updating, including gas central heating (where specified), uPVC double glazing, comprising: Entrance Porch, Through Reception Hall, large extended Lounge, separate Dining Room, extended Breakfast Kitchen, utility, rear lobby, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS (potential to create five bedroom layout) and Bathroom. The property is gently elevated beyond the front garden, with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an established rear garden with access directly into woods. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£204,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE

Maidensbridge Road

Gently elevated and set back from this highly respected residential address, this CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE now offers EXCEPTIONALLY GENEROUS ACCOMMODATION with FANTASTIC POTENTIAL, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: enclosed porch, large hall, delightful lounge, sitting room, kitchen, large walk-in pantry, inner hall, playroom/sitting room, W.C, FOUR IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate W.C. With DOUBLE WIDTH DRIVEWAY, INTEGRAL GARAGE, CARPORT and GENEROUS REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Queens Road

This most impressive, traditional style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached has been subjected to a comprehensive scheme of modernisation/improvement & simply must be viewed to fully appreciate & simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the sytlish property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, splendid open plan dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, three bedrooms, stunning re-fitted bathroom with white suite, lengthy garage, drivewway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Charterfield Drive

Superbly located upon much sought after and respected Charterfields , this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED and SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Entrance Hall, ground floor WC, spacious full depth Lounge-with-Dining Area, Conservatory extension, attractively fitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom. With lawned foregarden, LONG DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and pleasant level patio/lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Bromley Lane

A DELIGHTFUL 'PERIOD' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME within this much sought after and established address, offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation including TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, separate sitting / dining room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, W.C and THREE BEDROOMS. With PAVED DRIVEWAY and LARGE BEAUTIFULLY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN which is particular feature of the property. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

EXTENDED & exceptionally well presented, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached has been concientiously maintained by the current owners and simply must be viewed to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The stylish property briefly comprises entrance proch, hall, extended lounge, dining room, exctended/re-fitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

COSELEY

Shaw Road

This semi detached, secondary glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrading yet offers excellent potential. The propety briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Swan Street

Offering FANTASTIC POTENTIAL for extensions/improvements (extensions subject to planning consent), this DELIGHTFUL PERIOD TWO BEDROOM END OF TERRACE HOUSE is well placed within this established location close to amenities and offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING and comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Hallway, ground floor WC, TWO BEDROOMS and Bathroom. With low maintenance frontage with shrubs, large pebbled side area and LARGE ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN, with GARAGE to the rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £99,950

DUDLEY

Grove Street

This uPVC double glazed, one bedroomed top floor flat would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom. Available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £44,950

DUDLEY

Hillman Drive

Affording one of the best positions in this exclusive cul-de-sac location, is this fastidiously maintained and improved, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed 4 bedroomed executive styled detached residence requiring internal inspection to appreciate the quality of the accommodation on offer, comprising, hall lounge, dining room, modern kitchen with integrated appliances, guest cloaks, heated conservatory, four first floor bedrooms, master with en-suite shower, modern family bathroom, all this presented in landscaped gardens with large driveway, garage, this superb property is a credit to its current vendors, rare opportunity, no upward chain. STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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LOWER GORNAL

Himley Gardens

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED link detached enviably siutated in quiet backwater with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS yet within walking distance of so many amenities/country park/etc. and where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse 16'3" max lounge, extended T-shape 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of oak finish units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden, office, utility room, cloakroom. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), bathroom with white suite. Further potential. Garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

SEDGLEY

Netherby Road

Constructed circa. 2007 in a secure gated development of just 4 dwellings with good distant views, and being within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, shops, schools, and countryside etc.; a Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached. The accommodation includes; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of "Old English Cream" effect units & numerous integrated appliances, spacious living room, store, and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded garden, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

KINGSWINFORD

Grantley Crescent

Exceptionally well placed upon prestigious Valley Fields , this DISTINCTIVE, MODERN, DETACHED HOUSE offers SPACIOUS, WELL PRESENTED and VERSATILE accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom 3 / separate dining room, classic white bathroom, TWO / THREE BEDROOMS (3 including ground floor bedroom). Front garden, TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and very pleasant & attractively laid out rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

KINGSWINFORD

Lydgate Road

Enjoying a pleasantly secluded corner position within this cul-de-sac upon 'Crestwood Park', this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED AND NOW VERY SPACIOUS MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, reception hall, splendid large lounge, VERY LARGE CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. Enjoying gated access to an ENCLOSED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY / PATIO GARDEN, with GARAGE off together with further patio and rockery / shrub garden with ornamental pool to the fore. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

KINGSWINFORD

Arlington Close

Enjoying a superb setting at the head of this exclusive close off Stream Road, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW SPACIOUS AND VERSATILE, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a superb layout to include: Hall, SPLENDID LOUNGE with feature fireplace and DINING AREA off with patio windows, separate Breakfast/etc. Room, EXTENDED KITCHEN, refitted and with split-level cooker, GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM FOUR/STUDY/etc., THREE EXCELLENT FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS (two fitted), classic white Bathroom plus DOUBLE GLAZING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn with DOUBLE-WIDTH DRIVE/PARKING and pleasant sunny, yet secluded, rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

WORDSLEY

Guardians Walk

Constructed only recently by Taylor Wimpey Homes and forming part of this exciting new development, this VERY SPACIOUS AND DISTINCTIVE, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and enjoys an OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c, spacious lounge, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE) and classic white house bathroom. Together with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,995

PENSNETT

Tarry Hollow Road

A VERY IMPRESSIVE MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within this extremely popular modern development, offering BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED and EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, separate dining room, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, luxury refitted shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is slightly elevated back beyond the LANDSCAPED FRONTAGE including LARGE DRIVEWAY, 23 GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED & ATTRACTIVELY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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SEDGLEY

Dingle View

A rare opportunity in favoured location! A freehold, part uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, understair cloaks, EXTENDED DINING ROOM, three bedrooms, bathroom, 'carport', level garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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£136,500

PENSNETT

The Plantation

A MODERN MUCKLOW SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which is delightfully placed within this small sought after development, REQUIRING UPDATING and providing much potential to enhance the GENEROUS layout, which includes: GAS CENTRAL HEATING, part UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, entrance porch, reception hall, LARGE LOUNGE, separate dining room, kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS and bathroom. Front garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a pleasant sunny rear garden with private rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384

£134,950

SWINDON

Winston Road

Enjoying a superb semi rural setting within extremely popular and much sought after Swindon Village, this MODERN TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE offers ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation, including ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Reception Hall, attractively refitted Dining Kitchen, Inner Hall with storage, attractive Lounge, Conservatory extension, TWO BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY providing parking for two vehicles and with a pleasant lawned rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£132,950

LOWER GORNAL

Summit Place

This traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000

WOODSETTON

Stanton Avenue

This well presented, extended, gas centrally heated & double glazed (vast majority uPVC) traditional semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac & may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

WORDSLEY

The Haven

Enjoying a superb cul-de-sac setting, close to local shops and amenities, this INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS, MODERN ONE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW offers a VERY GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious L shaped lounge, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, excellent sized bedroom with fitted wardrobes, attractively appointed shower room. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a PLEASANTLY SECLUDED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£126,950

WOODSETTON

Sedgley Road

A significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in established neighbourhood. Comparatively spacious, ENLARGED accommodation includes reception hall, excellent lounge with bay ('Minster-style' feature overmantel), dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed conservatory, kitchen, utility/shower room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, garage, extensive gated parking, neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

KINGSWINFORD

Southern Close

ENJOYING FANTASTIC REAR VIEWS, this SPACIOUS MODERN END MEWS HOUSE is superbly located upon this very popular modern development and offers an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, attractively fitted dining kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Benefiting from ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD PARKING and enjoying a TIERED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384

£119,950

GORNAL WOOD

Chapel Walk

RARE OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow (effectively Flat alternative) enviably situated in particularly secluded/private location within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, 28'4" through central reception hall with lobby to the rear, two stores, lounge with double french doors to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, double bedroom, reappointed bathroom with white suite, neat 'low maintenance' gardens, GARAGE & further parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

DUDLEY WOOD

Crabourne Road

Situated in an established residential location, this immaculately presented traditional style, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached home may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Side Entrance Hall, stylish Lounge, Dining Room, extended Kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances, Two excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom, driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£110,000

SEDGLEY

School Street

Delightful, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end terrace occupying a fine corner plot, on the corner of Claremont Road, within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes enlarged hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, understairs store, upgraded kitchen, reappointed shower room with white suite, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), secure gated parking & GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, bay fronted, double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers and young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,950

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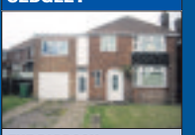

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Koreans hit the mark with second generation Cee'd

By Ian Donaldson

THE MAN who has made modern Kias look so smart had almost nothing to do with the car that made everyone sit up and take notice of the company back in 2007.

The original Kia cee'd arrived about the same time as Bavarian Peter Schreyer took charge of the look of future models.

Didn't stop the original selling like fermented Korean vegetables in Seoul, though, with 450,000 sold in Europe – 55,000 of them in the UK.

A big part of the car's success came from being designed and built in Europe and sold only on this continent. Earlier cars from the Far East had suffered from looking and feeling wrong when downloaded to a road in, say, deepest Northamptonshire.

If that first Slovakian-built cee'd didn't look especially standout it at least looked a lot like other European competitors in a restrained, modern sort of way.

The new cee'd you see here takes the game on, with Schreyer's distinctive slashes and swoops lending the car the air of something designed with the help of a high-wielded sword.

It looks dramatic and utterly up to date and stands comparison to any of its competitors, from Focus to Astra (which comes closest to the cee'd's looks).

Move inside the body, made a little longer, lower and narrower this time, and you're faced with a dashboard that's a bit unrelentingly black, but saved by a mix of textures and an obvious attention to fit and finish. The bits you don't see are uprated usefully, so there's a bit more power and economy nudges up a tad across the range, which includes 1.4 and 1.6 litre petrol and diesel engines and, for the first time, the option of a bang up to date double clutch automatic gearbox.

Prices range from £14,395 for a cee'd with 1.4 litre petrol engine in '1' trim to a heady £23,795 for a 1.6 diesel with automatic gears and in top spec '4 Tech' trim that includes sat nav and the ability to parallel-park itself without the driver touching the steering wheel.

Kia thinks the most popular new cee'd will be the model you see here, with 126bhp diesel power and in '2' trim, which adds goodies like alloy wheels, cruise control, reversing sensors, electrically folding and heated door mirrors to a base car spec that comes with air con, remote central locking, front electric windows and a Pod compatible sound system. Also fitted to the test car was adjustable-effort steering, with normal, very light or sportingly firm available at the push of a button. I reckoned normal was fine and Kia could save cash and ditch the choices.

That might free funds to make the red on black figures of the trip computer more readable in sunlight.

The high definition display on the top '4' spec cars is a delight by comparison, but you have to upgrade to get it. Still, that's a minor niggle from a car that otherwise impressed .

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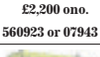

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Priory Park take medal at Haringey Boxing Cup

DUDLEY'S Josh Aston took a medal back to the Black Country after success in the 54kg category of the televised Haringey Box Cup.

Aston beat Farhan Aslan, of Birmingham's Eastside ABC, in the final by virtue of a unanimous points decision to secure Priory Park ABC's only title win of the day.

Some five fighters from the club made the trip to compete in the fifth annual 250-boxer event, which was broadcast on BoxNation.

Derek Harkins also reached the final but lost by majority points decision at 71kg, to Michael Courtney of South Oxhey ABC.

Ryan Partridge and Ryan Corrigan – the only boxer to compete in the over-20 bout open category – both went out in the semi-finals.

Partridge was outpointed in a majority decision against St Peter's ABC's Martin Lalley, while Corrigan suffered the same fate against West Ham Boys ABC's Michael Amoo.

Sekinder Rasool lost in the first round by majority points decision to Norwich ABC's Ryan Sholton.

Rider, 15, stays tall in the saddle

HALESOWEN rider Bradley Hughes faced a tall order at Knockhill but came 12th in the latest round of the British Motostar Championship.

Not only is the Scottish track one of the most challenging courses on the racing calendar, Hughes' mechanic was unable to attend and his father was on crutches.

In addition, 15-year-old Hughes has had a growth spurt and the saddle height of his 125cc machine was adjusted by two and a half inches to compensate.

At Friday's free practice, Hughes posted sixth-fastest time in the wet, falling to ninth in final qualifying when the track dried out.

Hughes didn't get the best of starts but held onto 10th place early on before being pushed back to 15th on lap 12 of the scheduled 22. But the race was brought to a premature end when three of the front runners crashed.

The result was declared at 17 laps distance.

Welborn repeats the trick in Civic title defence

Andrew Robinson attacks Bobby Wood on his pro debut

by Craig Birch

ROWLEY REGIS' Jason Welborn once again proved that power can beat skill as he retained his Midlands welterweight title for a second time at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

Trailing 39-38 on points with referee Terry O'Connor's scorecard going into the fifth of the scheduled 10 rounds last Friday night, the champion took matters into his own hands against the challenger, Scott Haywood.

Derby's Haywood got backed up into the corner and took a right hook that left him with a suspected broken jaw, which he felt as he sank to the canvas.

'Super' Scott responded and gamely tried to battle back but, again, got tangled up in the far ropes and was dropped once more, this time by a low right hook to the body.

Haywood was saved by the bell and berated by his corner but, when they realised the injury, they didn't argue as he retired with his mouth full of blood.

In the two chief support bouts, Birmingham's Thomas Costello and Northampton visitor Nathan Reeve picked up useful wins to go forward.

Sharp body punching from light middleweight prospect Costello made opponent Paul Morby, a former Southern area champion, feel lucky to last a 60-54 points defeat. Reeve, a super flyweigh in Prizefighter last year, utilised a right hand put down Bulgarian Fikret Remizev, who was waved off in the third round.

Elsewhere on the undercard, Tipton's Ricky Summers and Birmingham's Andrew Robinson – both star graduates from Lions Amateur Boxing Club in Dudley – picked up points wins on their professioanal debuts.

Steven Pearce, of Stourbridge, saw off boxing's newest centurion, Birmingham's Sid Razak, over the distance in his opponent's 100th pro bout.

Cannock's former Chasetown footballer Dave Egan, with his former Scholars boss Charlie Blakemore in supppt also outpointed late replacement Danny Dontchev by 40-36.

Olympic coach backing girl power on Team GB

DUDLEY'S Olympic coach Bob Dillon believes Team GB's 'unisex' approach to boxing could make the difference when a 'perfect 10' of fighters arrive for London 2012.

With woman allowed to box at the Games for the first time, three are represented on the biggest-ever Team GB squad, with one rated the best hope of a gold medal.

Savannah Marshall has been tagged 'the female Frankie Gavin' after becoming Britain's first-ever women's world amateur champion in China last month.

The middleweight from Hartlepool is joined by Liverpudlian lightweight Natasha Jonas and Leeds flyweight Nicola Adams as the trio prepare to make history.

by Craig Birch

Full-time 'podium' coach Dillon – also the head trainer at Lions ABC in Dudley – works with them every day at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

There's not a female voice in the gym and they could be forgiven for feeling out of place but Dillon insists the men have made sure that's not the case.

United

He said: "As with any new Olympic sport, the talent is coming through and developing so the standard has gone up.

"They are improving all of the time because we are not treating them like ladies, we treat them like boxers.

"When they come in, they train with the men and we prepare them in the same way, that's what they deserve from us.

"They do their runs, strength and conditioning work alongside the men and are treated like any other full-time athlete.

"Throughout this whole process, there's been no stone unturned. That attitude of elite training floats through the camp."

Anthony Joshua, Anthony Ogogo, Luke Campbell, Tom Stalker, Andrew Selby, Fred Evans and Josh Taylor complete Team GB.

All are decorated but unheralded with the exception of super heavyweight Anthony Joshua, rated as 'the new Audley Harrison.'

Harrison has backed the Londoner, just 21, and he knows what it takes, having took gold in the weight class at the 2000 Games.

Including the girls, there's one world champion, three European title holders and four world championship finalists in the squad.

But Dillon reveals the "no superstars" ethos in the gym has made the fighters believe they all have a chance of landing a medal.

He said: "They have all got, equally, as good a chance as each other and whoever performs could win a medal.

"It's silly talk to have favourites because this is the Olympics, the biggest show on earth, with that pressure.

"Peaking in fitness is one thing but peaking mentally, so you believe in yourself, is another.

"All we need is the right break at the right time. Not luck, but good timing and that's the secret."

Team-work

Dillon is part of a six-man coaching team led by performance director, Birmingham's Robert McCracken.

McCracken replaced Kevin Hickey in 2009 with Dillon already on the staff, having worked at the last Games. Lee Pullen, Dave Alloway, Nigel Davies and Paul Walmsley – also the head of Team GB's development squad – are fellow 'podium' coaches.

And Dillon believes the fighters are in the best possible hands, which are all to the pump as they get ready for London.

He said: "I have never worked with such great coaches and the beauty is that we are all professional.

"We do things properly and we all lean on each other, it's been done to perfection. Because we all work with and bounce off each other, we all come up with different things.

"When we come in, we know what each fighter needs and a coach works with them on that.

"We have one-to-one's for everything – boxing on the back-foot, footwork, defence, attack and counter."

Dillon reckons that belief is the difference to the current squad over their 2008 counterparts, who did land one gold medal.

Birmingham's Gavin was their leading light but infamously never even boxed at the Beijing Games, having failed to make the weight.

In the end, it was James DeGale who struck gold and an eventual MBE, while David Price and Tony Jeffries both won bronze.

Dillon was a long way from the Black Country working with each fighter in China and reckons the mood is much more upbeat.

He said: "When we are at the Olympics last time out, people just didn't believe.

"This time, we believe we can achieve anything."

Team GB Olympic coach Bob Dillon back at his amateur club, Lions ABC in Dudley

Pershore surrender 10-point lead at top

Worcestershire County League

THINGS got back to normal this week with most games played – but it was still thick sweater weather, ***writes Chris Marsh.***

Division One firsts leaders Pershore visited 11th-placed Colwall but were thrashed by 130 runs.

They have surrendered their 10-point advantage to Astwood Bank, who crushed ninth-placed Coombs Wood thanks to a 60 and five-wickets from Tom Harris.

At Droitwich, Max Young spun Bromyard to 155 all out and then steered his side from 24-5 to victory with an unbeaten 91 in partnership with Paul Bryan.

Worcester Nomads jump to third after a two-wicket win thanks to 5-32 from JJ Dilley and an unbroken ninth-wicket stand of 44.

Pedmore trounced rivals Oldswinford and Worcester recorded their first victory of the season at home to Hagley.

Division Two saw Bewdley beat Stourport to go eight clear. Dominies are joint second with Stourport following a comprehensive mauling of Feckenham.

Veteran

Fifth-placed Belbroughton and sixth-placed Rushwick drew with Enville and Netherton respectively.

Division Three leaders Cookley are still ahead of second-placed Harvington after a winning draw at Harborne following a century from veteran Mark Bennett. Harvington are close behind after bowling out Chaddesley for 76 thanks to Johannes Venter's 6-13.

Birlingham are 12 points back in third after they beat Alveley. They leapfrogged Tenbury as well following their defeat at Himbleton in which Duncan Roke hit 129 for the home side.

Himley beat Stourbridge Social and in the bottom of the table clash, Kidderminster recorded a first win, beating Malvern by seven wickets.

New **Division Four** leaders Avoncroft beat OVs thanks to 131 not out from Dave James. Lye had a winning draw at home to Cleobury including a century for Jon Stanaway.

Winless Hanley sunk to the bottom losing at Martley, thier first win. Barnards Green followed suit, beating Old Hill.

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Battling Bhatia is quickly into stride

HIMLEY new-boy Rajat Bhatia made an instant impact on his Birmingham League debut.

The Indian Premier League star struck 80 as Himley recorded a 40-run win over **Brockhampton**.

Bhatia's efforts saw Himley to 180 before Stuart Wedge (4-33) helped dismiss the visitors for 140.

Kidderminster eased to a seven-wicket success over **Wellington**.

Ben Cox made an unbeaten 70 to see Kidderminster past Wellington's 130. Richard Kimblerlin had earlier bagged 3-11 for Kidderminster.

Old Hill's struggles continued with a five-wicket defeat at the hands of **Walmley** in Division One.

Danny Cox mde 33 in Old Hill's 129-6.

Halesowen went down by five wickets to **Brewood**.

Asif Khan hit 50 in Halesowen's 163 but an unbeaten 93 from Chris Pearce saw Brewood home.

Stourbridge's recent wobbles continued as they went down to a four-wicket reverse against **Wednesbury** in Division Three.

Steve Game struck a half-century as Stourbridge rattled up 210-7. But Tushar Saha hit a ton to see Wednesbury to victory.

Kennedy is Kop star at charity bash

EUROPEAN Cup winner Alan Kennedy was the star of the show as Dudley Town FC enjoyed a successful sportsman's evening at Gornal British Legion.

The night was well supported by players, friends and family of the club and raised funds for the Robins ahead of the West Midlands Premier Division campaign that kicks off in August.

Club chairman Stephen Austin said: "This was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

"Events like these provide much-needed finances for clubs like ours as they continue to thrive and form an integral part of the English Football Pyramid."

An auction of sporting memorabilia also took place as the audience enjoyed tales of Kennedy's successful years at Liverpool under the stewardship of Bob Paisley and Joe Fagan. They were also entertained by comedian Lea Roberts.

Woffinden is poised to make his return

Speedway

TAI WOFFINDEN is poised to make his Wolves comeback after getting the all-clear from medical experts.

The 21-year-old has been sidelined since May 14 after breaking the scaphoid bone in a wrist in a smash with Ryan Fisher at the Gary Peterson Memorial meeting.

The bone was pinned, but a scan this week was crucial to Woffinden's season – a campaign-ending bone graft was the alternative had progress not been made.

But Woffinden, speaking minutes after getting the specialist's verdict in Derby, said: "It's pretty good.

"He said it's healing – not healed, but healing.

"It's OK for me to start riding again, but not racing.

"But if I can ride, I can race."

Woffinden was planning to try out the wrist with a ride on his jetski yesterday, before practising at Sheffield tonight.

"Then race in Poland on Sunday and Wolverhampton on Monday," he said.

The news will come as a great boost to both rider and team.

The Parrys International Wolves have been beset by injuries this season and broken shoulder victim Nicolai Klindt was another who was waiting anxiously on specialist advice yesterday.

Monday's eight-point Monmore defeat to unbeaten Poole – a result which flattered the home side – was the last straw for club owner Chris Van Straaten.

Before Woffinden went for the specialist's verdict, Van Straaten threatened a wholesale rebuild of the side if the rider was ruled out.

Describing the performance as "pretty embarrassing", he added: "There's lots of excuses you could come up with.

"We've got two of the original team on track against a team that's unbeaten.

"We hadn't enough quality. It's just not good enough. The key to our whole season now is Tai Woffinden. If Woffinden is not fit, then we will have to make wholesale changes.

"And the way I'm looking at it now is that only Freddie Lindgren is safe.

"If I have to completely restructure, then I'll completely restructure because this is not good enough for a club of this history," he added.

Wolves were within two points of their unbeaten rivals at the halfway mark but fell away.

"We shouldn't have folded," added Van Straaten. "We looked without any fighting qualities."

RACE FOR HAMMER WIDE OPEN – BOSS

HEATHENS team boss Will Pottinger says the race for the prestigious Golden Hammer is wide open.

The former Cradley club have put together an impressive line-up for the event, which again promotes Dudley Stroke Association and their FAST message – Face, Arms, Speech, Time.

The meeting has attracted a good field including Britain's only representative in the World Under-21 final, Richie Worrall.

Of the 16 riders, 10 have graced the green, red and white over the past three seasons.

Current skipper Adam Roynon will start as one of the favourites but former Heathens riders Micky Dyer, Lee Smart and Kyle Newman should be in contention.

But Pottinger said: "This is wide open and I would be surprised if anyone scored a maximum to win it. This line-up is as strong as any in the National League this season.

Tremendous

"And it's particularly nice for us to welcome back our former riders who have moved on for one reason or another.

"Lee Smart was our first captain in 2010 and he had a tremendous season.

"He won the National League Riders' Championship that season and helped us reach the top of the table.

"Micky Dyer came in at a time when we had to make a tough decision to release James Sarjeant and he helped transform the team from play-off hopefuls to league leaders.

"Kyle did a fantastic job for us when he came in last season.

Dudley Heathens

"He kept our season alive and he was an absolute delight to deal with.

"The Golden Hammer always produces a great night of entertainment and I'm sure it will be no different this time around."

Line-up: Ashley Morris (Dudley), Kyle Howarth (Workington), Micky Dyer (Edinburgh), Rob Branford (Buxton), Adam Roynon (Dudley), Dan Greenwood (Dudley), Ashley Birks (Stoke), Steve Worrall (Scunthorpe), Richie Worrall (Stoke), Tom Perry (Dudley), James White Williams (Dudley), Simon Lambert (Leicester), Darryl Ritchings (Dudley), Byron Bekker (Dudley), Kyle Newman (Somerset), Lee Smart (Redcar).

Meanwhile, the Heathens have announced a new commercial partnership with Oldbury business Recycled Aggregate Services.

The team will now carry the Recycled Aggregate Services logo on their race jacket.

The company are now main team sponsors.

Recycled Aggregate Services owner David Burns was a keen motorcyclist in his younger days and already backs Wolves star Ricky Wells.

He said: "I'm delighted to become sponsor of the Heathens and hope to play some part in helping the club get a track of their own and bring the Cradley name back."

Quick Quigley is in the points once more

Luke Quigley, left, hammers round Scotland's Knockhill circuit in the British Superbike Championship

STOURBRIDGE rider Luke Quigley continued his point-scoring run as the British Superbike Championship went north of the border to Knockhill.

Quigley finished 14th and 15th in the respective races as his GBmoto team had their strongest weekend since stepping up to the premier class.

On Saturday, Quigley secured his best qualifying result of the season, finishing 16th fastest. He made a good start to the opening race and was quickly up to 14th.

However, he then struggled to find a way passed Luca Scassa's Padgetts Honda. Towards the end of the race, Quigley was scrapping with his teammate Tristan Palmer for 13th, but was unable to find a way through.

In the second race, Quigley was again dicing with his team-mate and the Samsung Honda of Jon Kirkham.

Palmer found a way past, but Quigley was unable to follow and remained behind Kirkham for the duration of the race, finishing in 15th position and making it four consecutive point scoring finishes. Quigley said: "I'm really happy with two points scoring results."

Neal takes lead again in tour car title bid

RACE ACE Matt Neal has seized the lead in the British Touring Car championship.

The Stourbridge-born man was one of three drivers who each took a victory at north Yorkshire's Croft circuit.

Team-mate Gordon Shedden and Jason Plato also took the podium's top spot, but it's Neal who goes into the summer break leading by a single point.

Neal put his Honda Yuasa Racing Team Civic on pole for race one, dropped to third at the start but fought back to win ahead of eBay Motors BMW driver Robert Collard and Shedden and take over at the top of the points table.

Shedden responded with victory in the second race to reclaim the championship lead. Neal took the runners-up spot to complete a one-two for Honda.

Plato, who missed the first race because of mechanical problems, won race three from Tom Onslow-Cole's eBay Motors BMW and Andrew Jordan's Pirtek Racing Honda Civic were second and third.

Fourth place for Neal was enough to move him back ahead. He said: "I'm very pleased, but all it does is give me the bragging rights for the next seven weeks."

Girls on lookout for new players

STOURBRIDGE FC's girls' under-17 side are looking for new players.

The team plays on Saturday mornings in the Stourbridge and District Youth League.

Any girls aged 15 before August 31 who are interested should contact club physiotherapist Richard Drewett on 07863 714574.

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